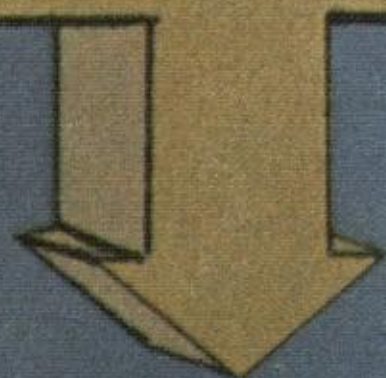
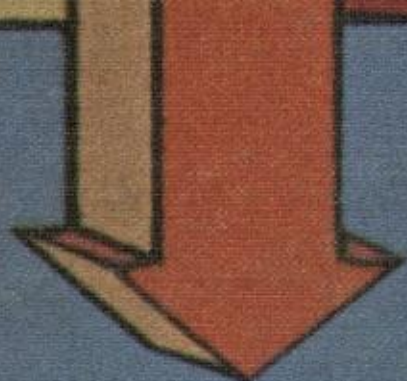


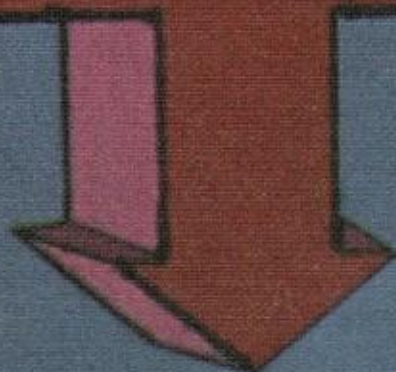
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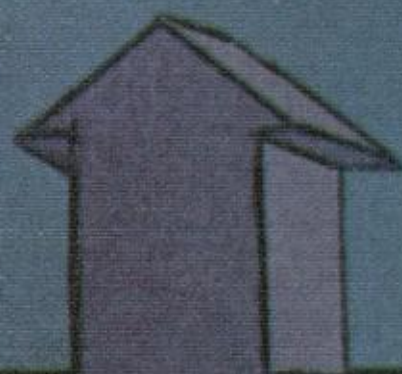
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We've got it!

Looking Great!

Ringgg! The alarm clock rang across the nation practically every morning for nine months out of the year. Most students struggled out of bed looking like the zombies that had been on the box the night before. All got groomed, dressed, and ate some Fruit Loops, then rushed to school with books in hand.

Some 800 of these students belonged to a small school in Kern County situated in California. We were the students of Shafter High School. We were small in size but, nonetheless, big in talent, spirit, academics, athletics, and everything that counted.

We were the scholars, the athletes, the club members, the leaders, and the go-getters that filled up the year with memories and new experiences that made this yearbook possible.

In this yearbook we were captured when we were trying to decipher a classic book written when dinosaurs roamed the earth. We were caught when we drove in that off-green Model A to school. We were captured when we were going through dark shades, an array of exotic hats, pickled green clothes, and surfer wear to show off our spirit. Whether we chose a salad over a burrito or showed our incredible endurance during track practices, it's all here.

Together we achieved in academics,

sports, activities, and achieved also in making ourselves better in every aspect possible. We set new goals and we had new ideas and experiences waiting for us. We met those ideas and experiences head on to shorten the bridge to our ambitions. We made this a simple task through motivation, positive attitudes, and high spirits which made the school year of 1986 worth remembering.

Together we made the year original; it was about us and we were unique. Whether it was getting those straight A's or having fun, it seemed no matter how you looked at us, we had it!



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1. Introducing Shafter High School!
2. On surfer dress-up day, a group of juniors in surfer wear converse during a lunch period.
3. Coach Stubbe throws a pass during varsity football practice.
4. The Shafter High Majorettes practice their routine to the tune of "Oak Tree" on Hofman Drive.



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1. On Surfer Dress-up Day Shafter High Students show off high spirits by getting on surfer wear even though Shafter is miles away from a beach.
2. A spirit poster tells it all, "Look at us, we're #1."
3. Some students get off the bus to attend school in the morning.
4. Teacher, Mr. Griebing helps Christi Maynard with an assignment.
5. The Frosh-Soph Cheerleaders do a routine to promote spirit during a rally.



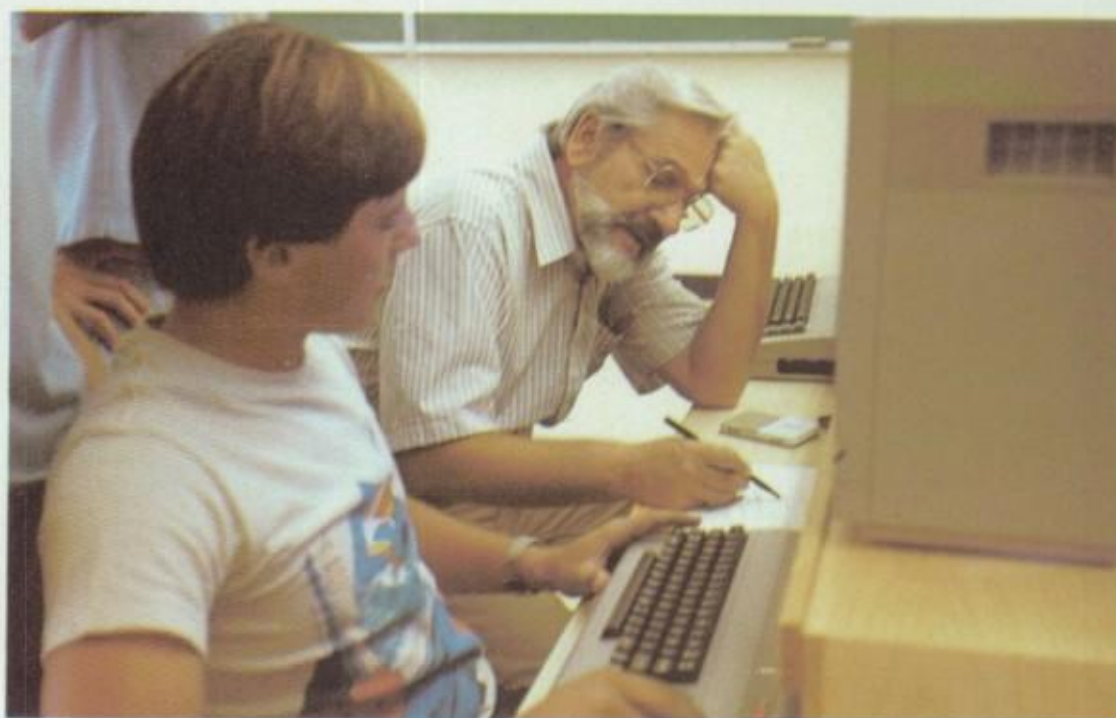
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1. Linda Martinez, a member of the Shafter High Majorettes, shows how a baton is to be twirled.
2. Shafter High FFA shows off all the awards they received at the Kern County Fair after months of hard work.
3. At the end of a great rally, students gather to sing the Alma Mater of Shafter High.
4. Mr. Robideaux explains how to do a particular program on the computer so that it works.
5. Daniella Campbell, a Frosh-Soph Cheerleader, cheers the crowd on at the rally.



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1. Jimmy Kilgore helps Dawn with the balloons for the homecoming decorations.
2. Dawn Wadman and Becky Sapp try to take precautions as they execute an experiment.
3. Mr. Matis and Matt Slade work on the yearbook cover.
4. A group of friends hang out together during lunch.
5. Sonja Davis dresses up for Tourist Day with friends Stacey Lynch and Tara Meeler.

Wine got
It!

Somehow We Did it All

The bell rang out loud signaling the beginning of school. The teacher and the students were present and class began. Almost all of us started school like this. Some of us had work experience or R.O.P. but we all went through the good ol' process of learning.

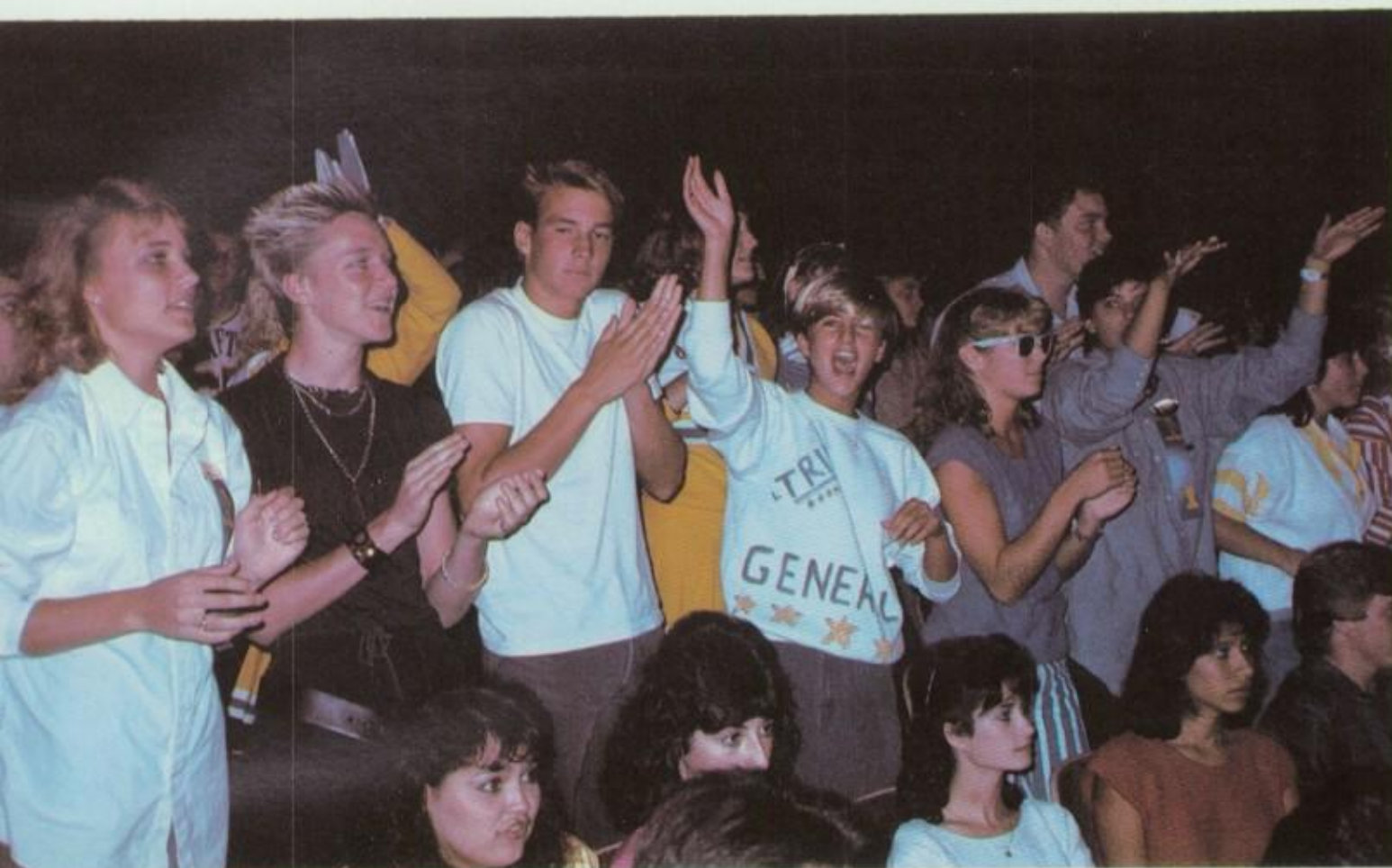
We all had to eat lunch but it was during lunch periods that most of student life activities occurred. How thirty-five minutes could contain so many activities was really amazing! Although the consumption of food of various degrees of nourishment was of main concern during lunch periods, there were others. Club meetings, spirit point activities, Wasco Week, and many other activities like Halloween dress up days all had connection with lunch.

After school some of us were involved in sports and some of us went to work. Some went home to finish all their homework and some went to watch cartoons.

No matter what we did in the school year of 1986, we definitely had it! It's all here to prove it!



1. Varsity Cheerleader Jill Ryan really knows how to make the pom poms come to life as she performs a routine using them at a rally.
2. Even though they are freshmen, when it comes to showing off spirit, they've got it!
3. Varsity cheerleader, Michelle Floyd demonstrates an important technique of spreading spirit — making lots of posters.



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1. During a rally the juniors stand up to yell their hearts out to try to win class competition.
2. A student works diligently on a computer program on the Commodore 64.
3. Jana Milwee transforms herself into a punk rocker for the Halloween dress-up day.
4. The flute section of the Shafter High Band entertains the crowd during the break of the football game.
5. Students listen to a lecture given in class.

Class



Record Setting

of '86



Spirit Chain

Return of Halley's Comet

During 1986, a famous visitor came near to us. The last time it visited was in the year of 1910. After a round trip journey spanning tens of billions of miles out in the cold reaches of space, it was back. After 76 years Halley's Comet was back. The comet made its closest approach to the sun in February, 1986 and then began a trip back to the outer solar system, not to return again until 2061.

Halley's Comet remains special among the other 1000 comets astronomers have discovered. It's one of the brightest comets that streak across the sky and its magnificent appearance in the sky has created awe, and fear throughout the centuries. It's one of the first comets to have been predicted. It returns on an average of 77 years. Its appearances have coincided with historic events throughout the history of mankind, such as the conquest of England on 1066 by William Duke of Normandy and the graduation of the class of 1986. Since its returns are roughly equaled to the human life span, for most people, the chance to see it is once in a lifetime.

The comet is named after Edmond Halley who did not discover the comet but predicted the return of the comet every 77 years. He himself witnessed the appearance of the comet in 1682. He disproved the idea that a comet was a one time visitor that traveled in a straight line. He proved that the comet he saw in 1682 was the same one seen in 1531 and 1607, so that it must orbit the sun at regular intervals. In 1705, he predicted that the comet would return in 1758, and when it arrived on schedule, it was given his name.

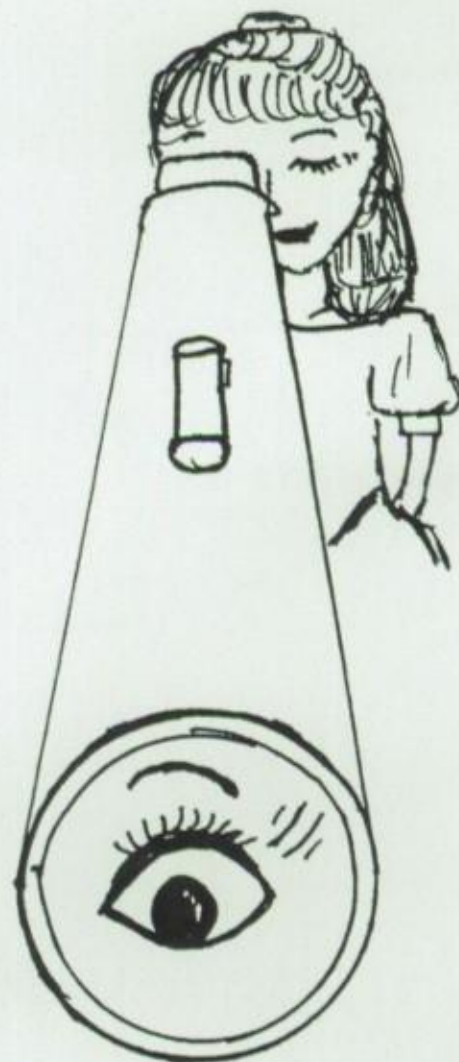
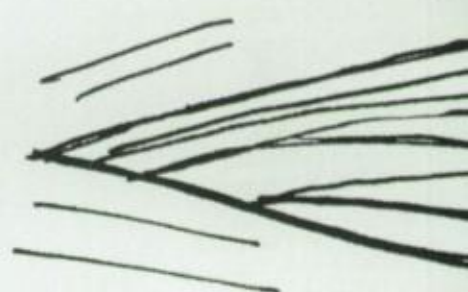
Two professional astronomers from

the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena were the first to sight the return of Halley's Comet in October 1982. On January 23, 1985, amateur astronomer Stephen J. O'Meara was the first person to observe Halley's Comet visually on its current return. He observed it through a 24-inch telescope on top of Mauna Kea on the island of Hawaii.

With or without telescopes, millions of people had a chance to see the return of Halley's Comet as it got closer to the sun. The period of viewing lasted several months because, unlike the meteors which shoot in the sky and disappear, comets change position slowly in the sky from night to night. Mr. Griebing, teacher of physical science, and his class observed Halley's Comet on its return trip.

Some astronomers warned that the comet would be hard to see in cities and suburban areas because of the bright glow of the lights in those areas. In most of the northern hemispheres, the best time to view the comets was in April 1986, after Halley's Comet swung past the sun. In April the comet was closest to the Earth - some 39 million miles away. This was not as close as Halley's Comet in 1910, when the Earth passed through - or very near - the comet's tail and came within 15 million miles of the comet's nucleus.

By the autumn of 1986, Halley's Comet once again became too faint to see without the aid of a telescope, but by then, many people had had the chance to see our famous visitor. Halley's Comet will not return again until the summer of 2061.



More than Just a California Lottery

It looked like a card smaller than the size of a common credit card. People all over California bought them for a dollar a card. Everybody who bought them shared two things in common. They were all over the age of seventeen and they all shared the common hope of winning large sums of money. It was the all new, first time California Lottery.

The brochure advertising the California Lottery started out saying, "California's Jackpot is here! It's the very first instant game from the California Lottery. California Jackpot is fun. It's easy to play. And it only cost a dollar. Best of all, you could win \$2, \$5, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or as much as \$5,000 ... instantly. Just scratch off the six 'pot of money' symbols on your ticket to reveal the prize amounts underneath. If three prize amounts match, you're an instant winner of that dollar amount. Prizes of \$10,000 to \$2,000,000 may also be won in our Grand Prize Drawings."

If you were a \$100 winner, you were eligible to participate in a finalist selection process to compete for one of the many Grand Prize drawings scheduled throughout the game as long as the winning game card was reported in within thirty days.

If you were selected through the process as one of the finalist, you were able to spin the Grand Prize wheel to determine your Grand Prize amount of money. With the \$100 dollar that was already won, you had a chance to win \$10,000, \$50,000, \$100,000, or the Grand Prize of \$2,000,000 in the first game.

The California Jackpot had another purpose than the common lottery. 34% of the money generated by the Lottery went directly to the California public educational system. So the schools benefitted from the lottery along with all the people who came out lucky.



SHS Welcomes Foreign Student Kirsi Poussa

My name is Kirsi Poussa and I'm from Finland. I come from a small town called Sahalahti and there are only about 2,000 people. This town is situated in central Finland, near Finland's second biggest city, Tampere.

I live at home alone with my parents because my two sisters and one brother are all married and live in their own homes.

I go to high school in Kangasala which is another town about 13 miles from my house. There are about 500 students in my school. Finnish school is different from American school. We don't have any teams or clubs and you have to work harder in Finnish school. Our high school lasts only three years and you don't have to go there if you don't want to. I have been now one year in the high school and after this exchange year I have two more years left.

This exchange year has been a really great experience. I have got many friends and I have learned more English. I'm sure that when this year is over I'm going to miss all this.



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Our foreign exchange student from Finland
Kirsi waits for her turn to play ball
Kirsi zips through some of her school work

SHS Greet Students from Afar



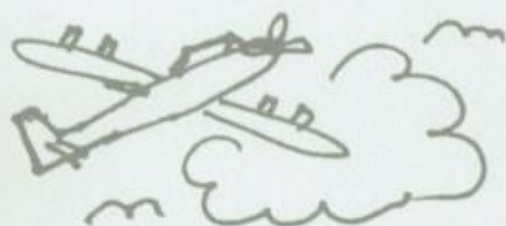
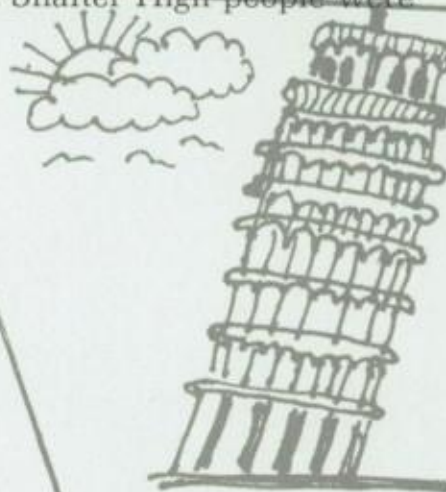
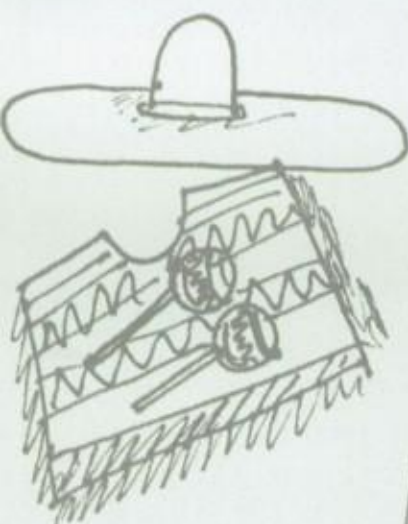
Foreign exchange students were not the only people who had lived in a country other than the United States. Many of the students right here at Shafter High had lived in other towns, other states, and even other countries.

Tammy Anders, Jay Miller, Todd White, and Tammy Wojtalewicz all had something in common. All of those students had lived somewhere other than Shafter. But, Jay Miller was the only one of the four who had lived in a country outside the United States. England held fond memories for Jay when he recalled what he missed the most. "I miss being able to see all of the old buildings and all the history preserved from thousands of years ago."

Jay had also lived in North Dakota and there, he happened to have met Todd White. It was lucky that they even had a chance to have met because Todd was not very stationary. Todd had been to "four different high schools and three of them were last year." It seemed quite a coincidence that both Todd and Jay happened to have met at Shafter High.

Those four students seemed to remember vividly the scenery of the states they have lived in. Tammy Anders commented that, "Mississippi is a great place to live. It has lots of beautiful trees and a great gulf coast." Tammy Wojtalewicz remembered, "Wisconsin is a beautiful place to live. Everything is green and pleasant to look at." Jay Miller described how, "We used to sit out on our porch in Montana and North Dakota and see the Northern Lights. Or, in Utah, we were able to look out of our window and see the beautifully colored mountains all around our house."

After living in all those different, beautiful places, what did they think of California and Shafter High School? Tammy Wojtalewicz remarked that, "Shafter High is the best school I have ever gone to." Tammy Anders replied that, "I really like California more than Mississippi. California has more things to do and more places to go." But all of the students agreed that the Shafter High people were really nice, friendly, and outgoing.



Finish!!!

Four Years Fly for ASB Pres.

As the year comes to an end, I can hardly believe four wonderful years have passed. As it is said 'Time goes by when you're having fun' and fun it certainly was at Shafter High.

Many wonderful memories of Shafter High will always be in my heart. The teachers, activities, the spirit and pride each individual took in himself or herself, and most of all, the very special friends. All of these things made Shafter High a very special place.

Students at Shafter received so much support and attention from the teachers and staff that everyone really felt close. Receiving outside support from the community made the students feel good and, in turn, made our spirit and our pride much stronger.

As my term as ASB President concludes, I would like to thank everyone for making my last year a very memorable one and for having the faith and trust in me to be a leader and representative of Shafter. I would like to wish all of you who will be returning next year the best of luck and to remember to keep the spirit high, and for the graduating class of 1986, I wish the very best of luck for a terrific future!

Sincerely Yours,
Debbie Nunlist
ASB President



Debbie Nunlist, Pres.





Byron Williams, V. Pres.



Dawn Wadman, Sec.



Melany Miller, Finance



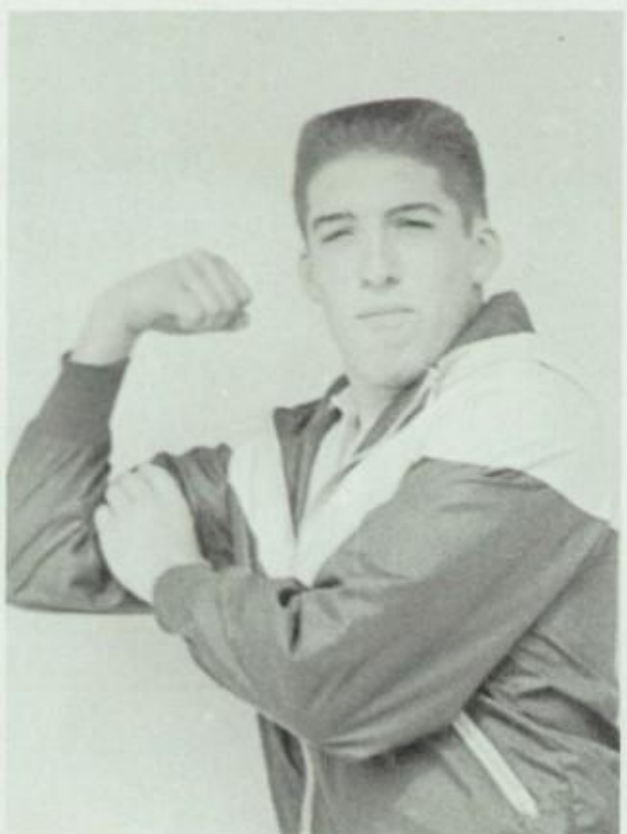
Sonja Davis, Pub. Relations



Michelle Floyd, Clubs



Eleanor Leal, Rallies



Richie Escalante, Boys Ath.



Christy Vontz, Girls Ath.



Jill Ryan, Soc. Act.

SHS On the Road



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Rain, heat, wind or fog were conditions that Shafter High students faced in order to get to school by 8:05 a.m.

While many times a student might just walk down the street a block or two and be at school, others walked long distances in the heat of spring and the cold of winter. Some students even rode a bus for an hour from Buttonwillow to Shafter, while a few drove their own cars.

Mark Romanini rode the bus from Buttonwillow and told us of his experience, "The bus came early and it was cold, but the long quiet ride made it easy for me to sleep or do my homework."

Students had many different ways of getting to school such as walking, riding a bike, skateboarding, or good ole' mom. Of the 870 students that attended Shafter High, approximately 240 students rode the bus; some at the length of

32 mi. According to Mr. Larson, 70 cars occupied our lots each day. This left the remaining 560 students either walking, riding with someone, or riding the Shafter Shuttle.

Kelly Salcido enjoyed driving her car to school because, "I could leave at any time I wanted to and listen to my stereo so I wouldn't become bored."

Michelle Wiens, though, didn't wonder about what station she would listen to or when the bus would arrive, but rather if her 1930 Model A Ford would start at all. She never worried about getting a speeding ticket because her car would only go 35 mph.

Though every student had a different way of getting to school, they all had two things in common; all made it, most of the time, and they made the best of what they had to use.



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1. Tara Meeler and Mrs. Meeler leaving after a nice day at Shafter.

2. Michelle Wiens proves that you don't have to have an '85 Vette for attention.

3. Eddie Ballard does his best to save gas.



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1. Mark Romanini and Tommy Toretta prepare to take the bus back to Buttonwillow.
2. Kelly Salcido stands proud next to her Cal-Style Bug.
3. Many students choose to walk to school

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1. Scott Acosta enjoys his class.
2. Joan Velarde is ready for another day at school.
3. Angela Noel expresses the spirit of Halloween.
4. Our Vicious Generals have a little fun at lunch.



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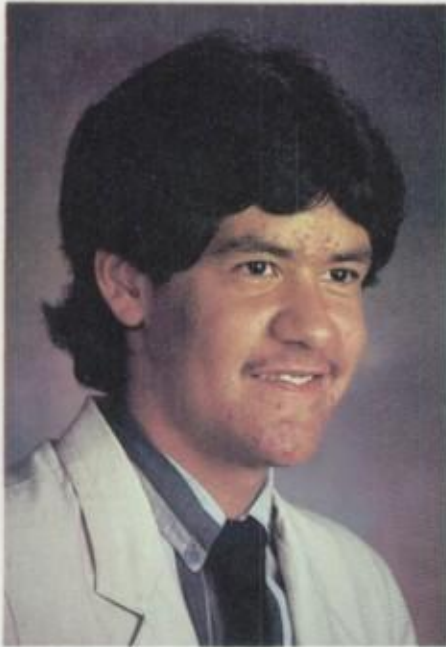
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The class of "86", led by president Eiko Yamamoto, had a very busy senior year. Class members worked really hard at their fund raisers for end-of-the year senior activities. The main senior activity was the graduation trip to Disneyland.

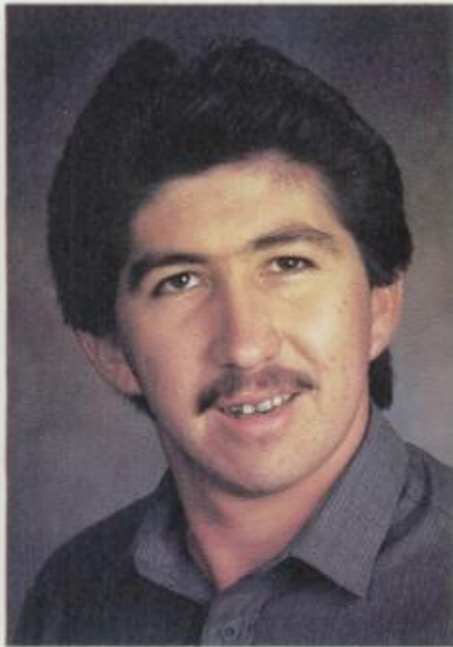
The main fundraising activity for the senior class was the Homecoming Dinner. The seniors, led by Michelle Wiens, spent many hours preparing, cooking and serving at the dinner. The class also held the "Homecoming Dance" at which students enjoyed great music and had the chance to congratulate the newly crowned Homecoming Queen, Kelly Salcido. These two events turned out very profitable for the class.

The advisors who assisted with the senior class activities were Mr. Fortenberry, Mr. Nichols and Mrs. St. Clair. With all the involvement of its class members and outside help, the class of "86" produced a very successful senior year.

1. The class of "86" poses for a picture.
2. Debbie Nunlist and company get things ready for the Homecoming Dinner.
3. Janet Weidenbach and her usual smile.
4. Mr. Nichols along with his adopted family study for the Academic Decathlon.
5. Senior class Yell Leaders Janet Weidenbach and Marla Burleson, get into the spirit. (not pictured Kelly Salcido)
6. Senior class officers take a break after a long meeting (l to r): Eiko Yamamoto, President; Jim Kilgore, Vice President; Dawn Popeney - Social Chairman; Sofie Garza, Ex. Board Rep.; Michelle Wiens, Secretary-Treasurer.
7. Senior students show off their spirit.



Scott Acosta



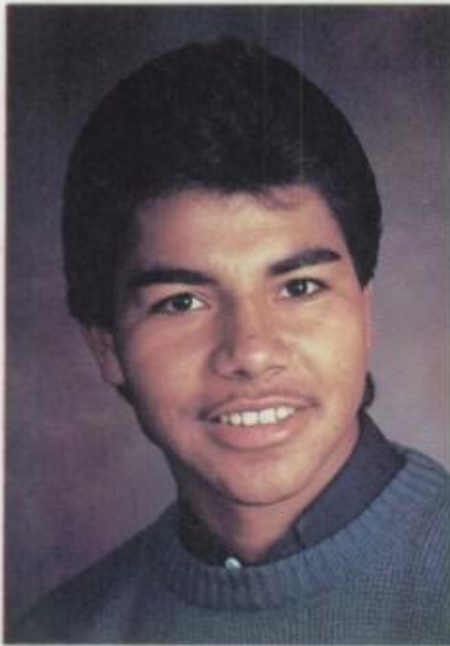
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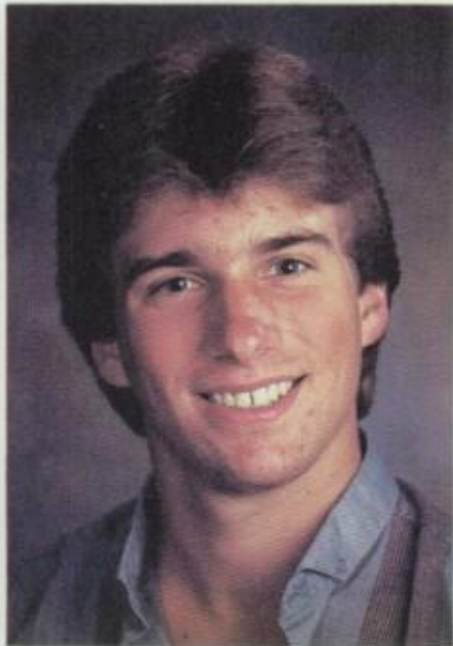
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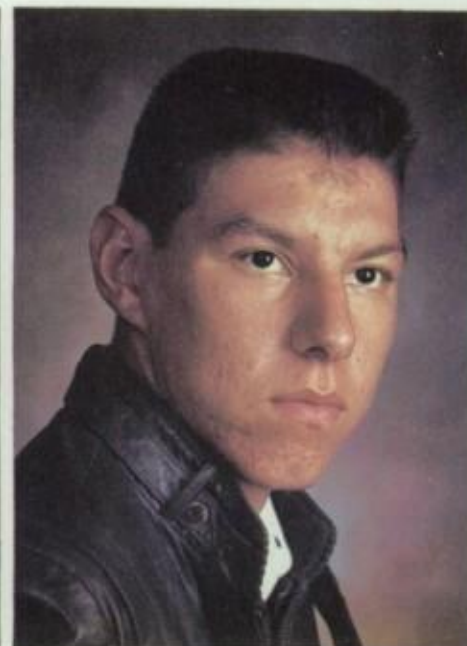
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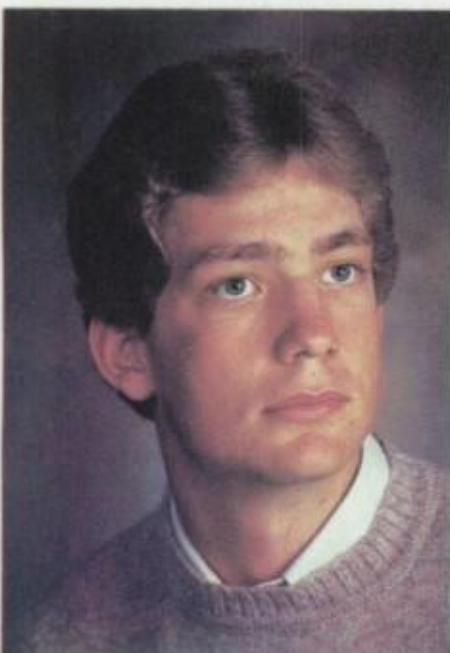
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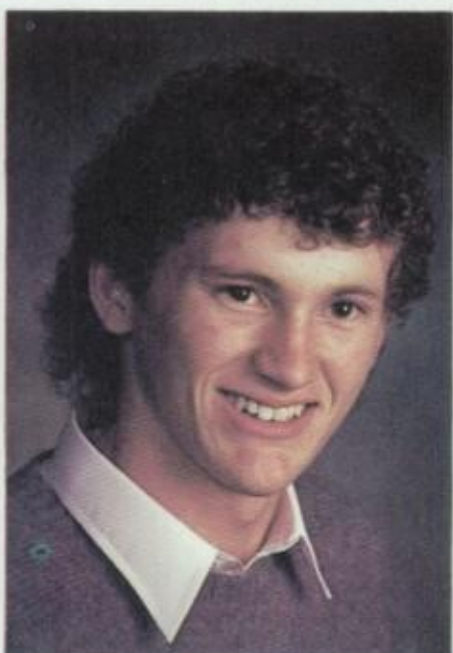
Allen Billoff



Mark Boatwright



Gerald Brock



David Brooks



Terry Brown



Frank Buenrostro

Students Born To Go Shopping

As voices echoed off the walls, you entered excited and energetic. You ventured along miles of halls and avoided many obstacles in search of it. At a glance, it caught your eye and you were suddenly sold. You picked it up and pampered it all the way to the counter as if it were a new-born child. Soon it would find itself in its new home. A sound rang out and a voice spoke, "Will that be cash, check or charge?" "CASH!"

Fifty, one, two and three. Thank you and please come again."

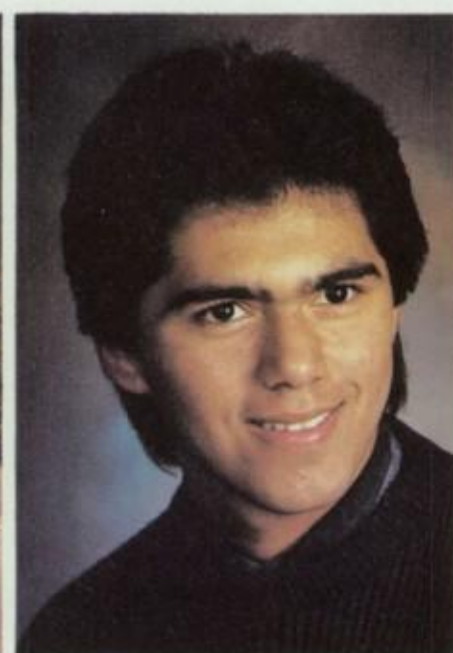
"Shopping." That was the most common response when asked the question. "What are you doing when school is out?" Not just the girls, but many of the guys went too. Even though we had bumper stickers that said, "Shop Shafter!", many of us also traveled to Bakersfield to shop. Students dominated the "Valley Plaza" when it came to shopping. It was the specific choice of after school activities by students for many years. Why? "To spend my Mom's money," "To watch all the heavy metal guys," "To buy some more clothes for my wardrobe," "To watch all the good looking girls."

There was a wide variety of things for everyone to do. So, even if you were completely different from everyone else, the plaza was the place for you. You could find things that satisfy just about all your needs, from clothing to food, stereos to toys. Some of the students who were serious shoppers, spent up to \$200.00 or more, in a day. The latest in clothing and other fads were displayed all throughout the plaza. Many of us went to purchase, while others went to browse.

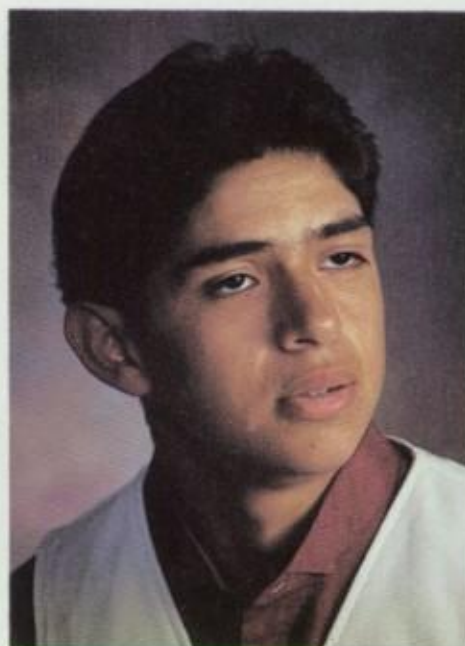
Students from our school enjoyed going to the plaza, not only to shop, but to get out of the heat. Also many students were just glad to get out of town and into the action.



Marla Burleson



Johnny Bustos



Ramiro Canales



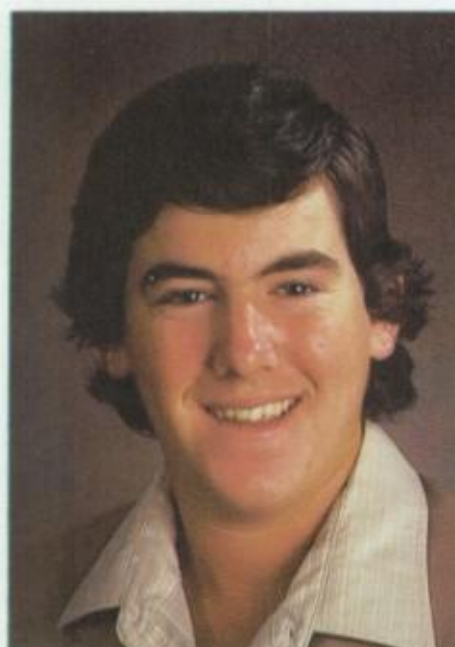
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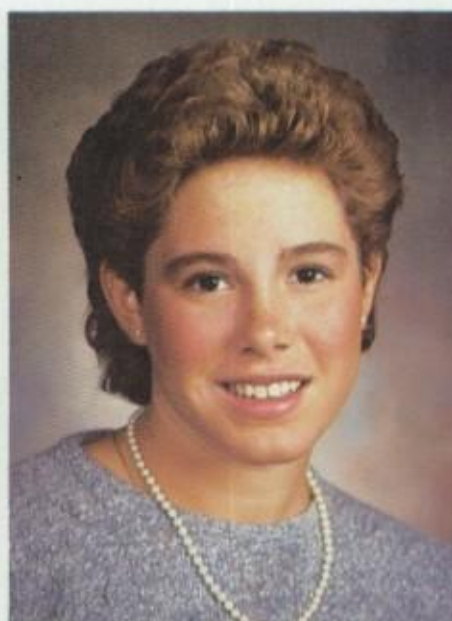
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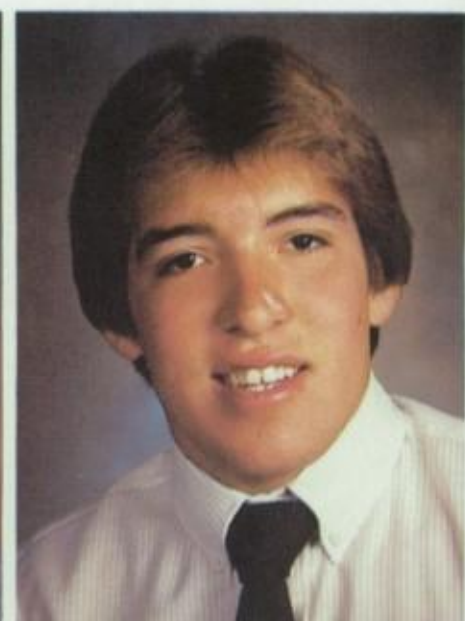
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Jennifer Endes



Richard Escalante



Norma Espericueta



Regina Espudo



Steve Fain



Dawn Franze



Jack Frey



David Garcia



ROP

Means Work!

What's the next step in preparing for the future? ROP, or Regional Occupational Program, gave students an alternative for college. The ROP program centered around students that were not planning to go to college but who wanted to start a job after they graduated.

In ROP the students had an opportunity to experience working in the occupation they might pursue in the future.

ROP had courses that provided introductory training or developed entry-level skills for many occupations. Some of the programs were: retail sales, which was a favorite among girls because they were able to work at the Valley Plaza in Bakersfield, auto mechanics, which gave boys and girls a chance to learn about their cars, and a telecommunications course, which prepared one to enter advanced secretarial skills. Nursing, hospital occupations, welding, banking and finance, and advanced secretarial skills were other courses they offered to students.

When asked what she liked best about ROP, Susan Carrasco replied, "I was able to have the word on the upcoming fashions while working in various stores." Susan was involved in retail sales.

The credit one received from ROP counted toward high school graduation like that of classes on campus: like business skills and ag mechanics.

The newly built ROP center was where students joined with other schools.

Mr. Miranda was in charge of the ROP program for Shafter High.

During the first part of the year 28 students were enrolled in various courses in the ROP program. Each class was three hours long and it met daily. Students were offered a ride on the ROP bus but they were also allowed to drive.

Students who were not planning on attending college were encouraged to take ROP. It offered great opportunities for them as some students were offered jobs by the employer they worked for in ROP.

Students unsure of their future could join ROP and receive work experience for class credit and possibly find a future job.

Zap the CAP

One wintery morning in December about 140 seniors took yet one more test before they graduated. This test was not for their own benefit. The C.A.P., California Assessment Program, was a test meant to measure how Shafter High ranked among other schools in California based on the seniors' scores.

The C.A.P. test was divided into two parts, mathematics and reading.

Last year's seniors made \$9,435 for the school by showing improvements on the test. They received the money and it was used for improving the school. This year's seniors' goal was to do as well or better. Our principal, Dr. Neufeld, put his time into motivating the students for the test.

To make sure the test went as planned and on schedule people from other schools were used as proctors or supervisors.

The test did not count against the seniors so there was no need for them to feel pressured into cheating, and students did not receive their individual scores. The school received the total score of the whole senior class and the scores were announced to the public when they were received. We were not compared to schools larger than us. Shafter High was compared with schools in small communities such as Shafter.

Dr. Neufeld was very anxious and excited about the C.A.P. tests. He gave the seniors his support and hoped that they would try their best. Our principal wished them the same success as last year's seniors.

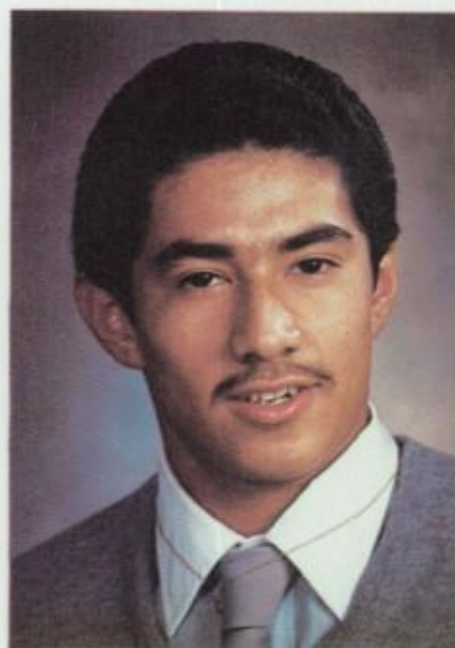
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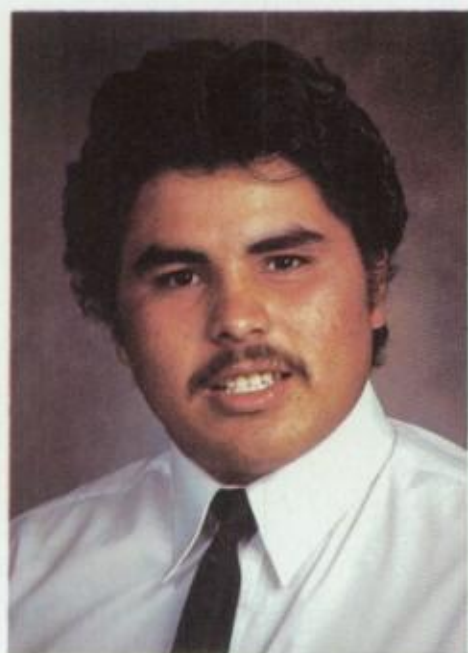
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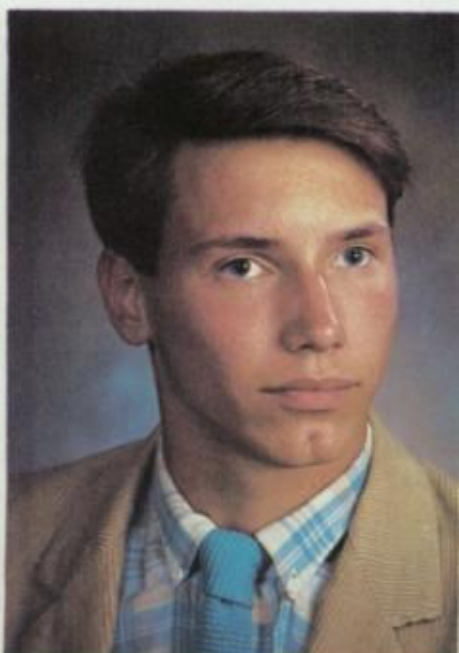
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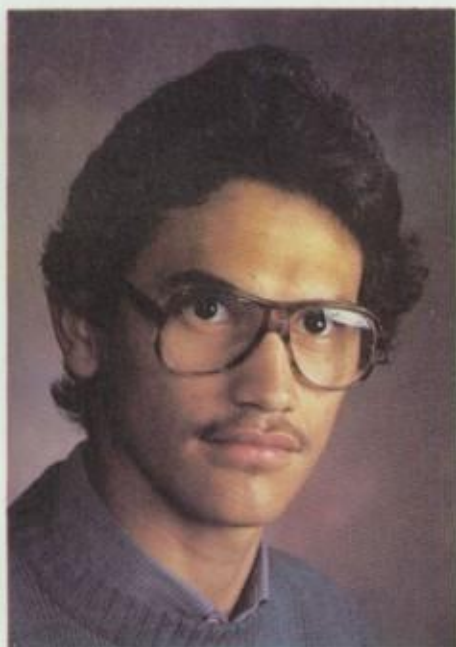
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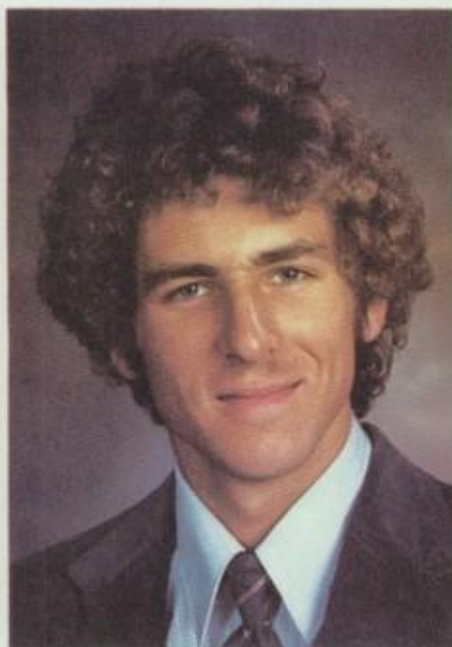
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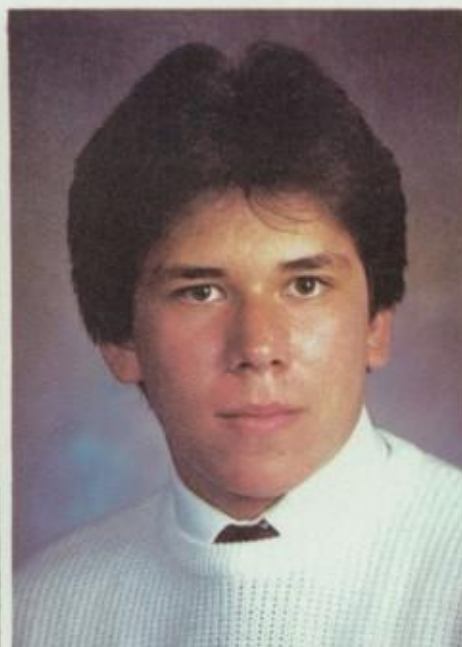
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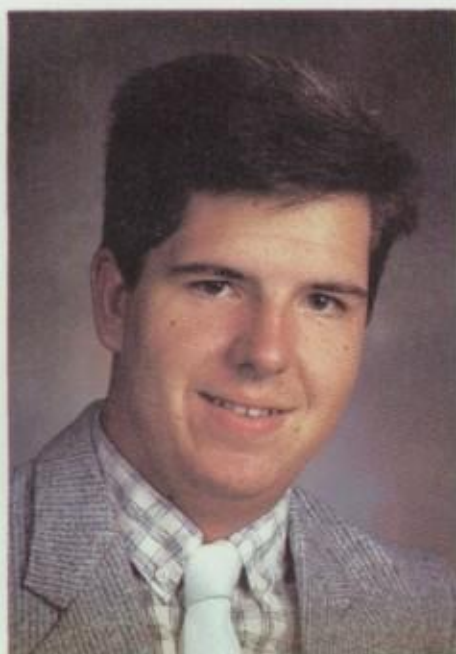
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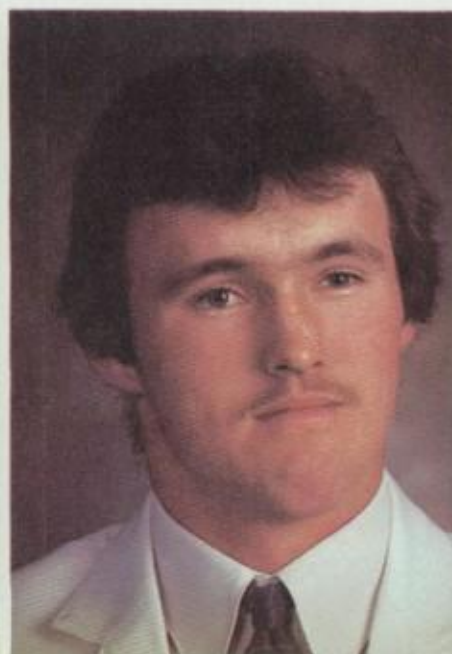
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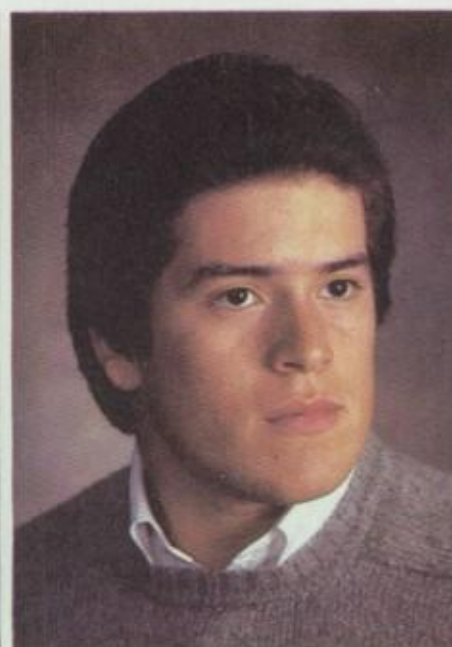
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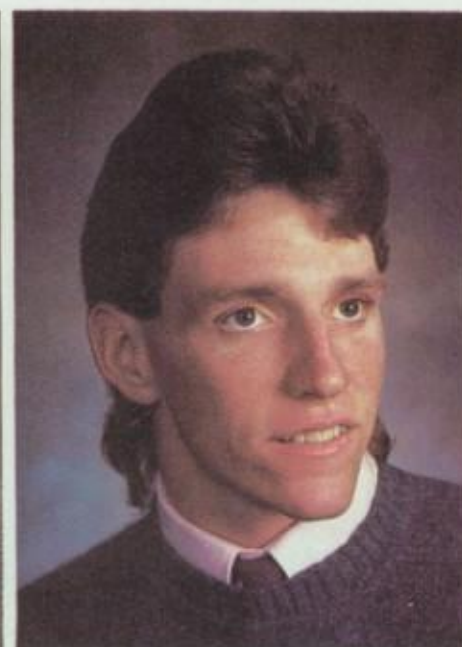
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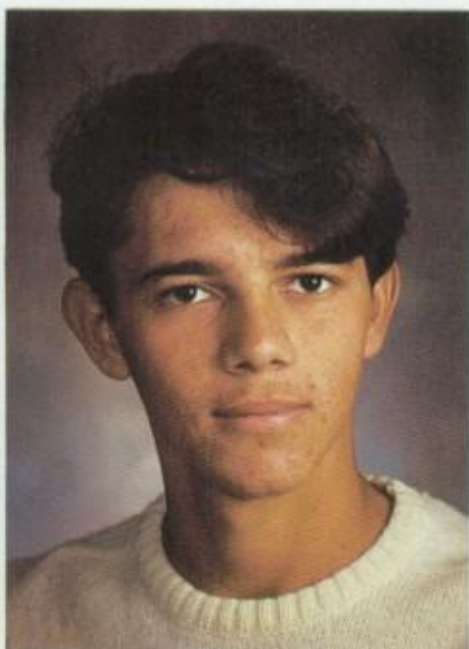
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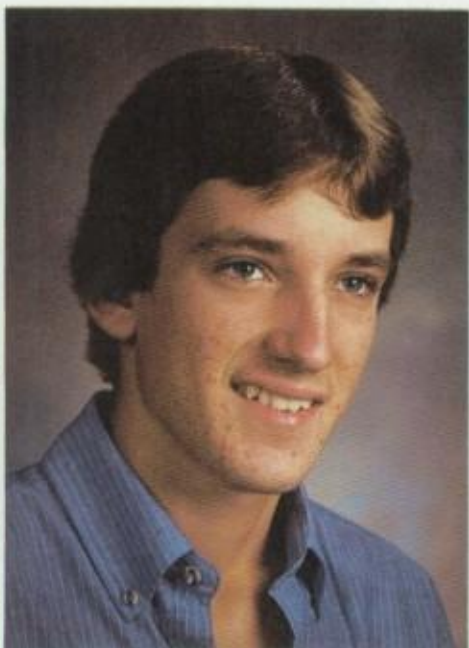
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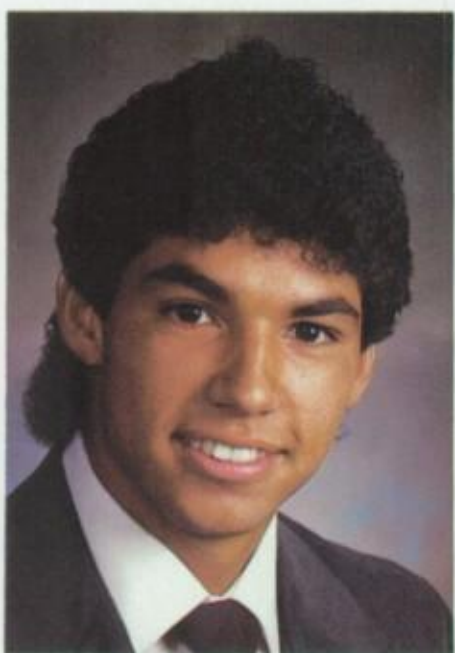
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Marvin Lemmons



Israel Lopez



Josie Luna

Seniors Gets Ready

College Ahead

An array of applications were on one side of your sloppy desk and on the other side was your unfinished autobiographical essay. Confusing college applications, thick SAT preparation guides, and homework were scattered all over your floor and the next door neighbor's yard.

Getting ready for college one of the most important and most involved processes your young eyes had seen this year.

How about the SAT tests? You remember those, don't you? The SAT was that two and a half hour multiple choice test that you woke up at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning to get ready to take. It measured the mathematical and verbal abilities you had mastered throughout your school years. Your SAT scores helped indicate how prepared you were to do the work most colleges required.

Last but certainly an important part of going to college was applying for various scholarships. Oh, come on! You didn't get a hundred headaches, just two dozen. If you wanted to apply for federal and state grants and college scholarships, you only had to fill out the student Aid Application for California (SAAC). You just specified where you wanted an application to go, and they sent it to you.

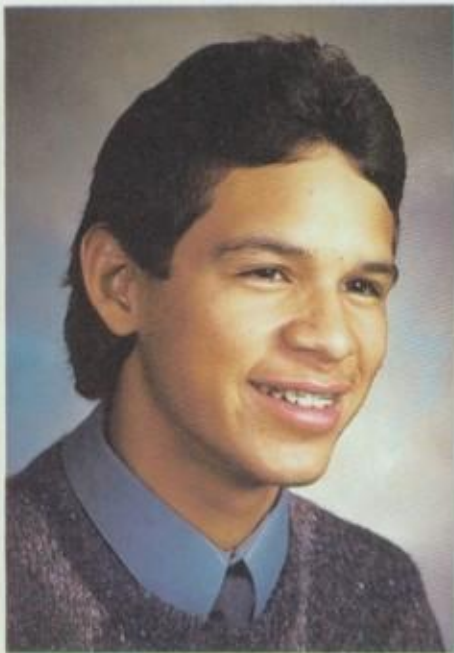
The Pell grant was the largest federal student grant program and if you met all the requirements, you had yourself a scholarship. When you applied for the Pell grant, you knew that it was a foundation to which other scholarships could be added. I know what you're remembering. You're remembering the times you filled out all those local scholarship applications. While you were looking over all the applications you were thinking of all the doubts and fears during the Senior Awards Banquet, wondering, "Did I get a scholarship?" Talk about nerves! Hey you weren't the only one who had it rough. How about all those poor teachers who got tired of writing recommendation letters. You should've said "Thank You."

Taking all those college prep courses and studying day and night served their purpose. They enhanced your mind, prepared you for the achievement tests you took and got you to college.





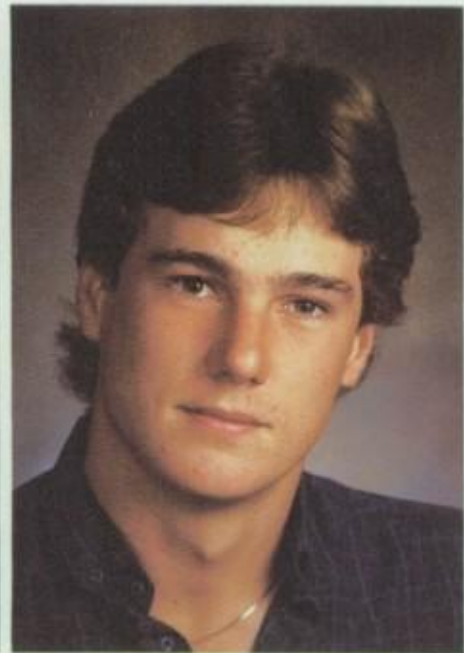
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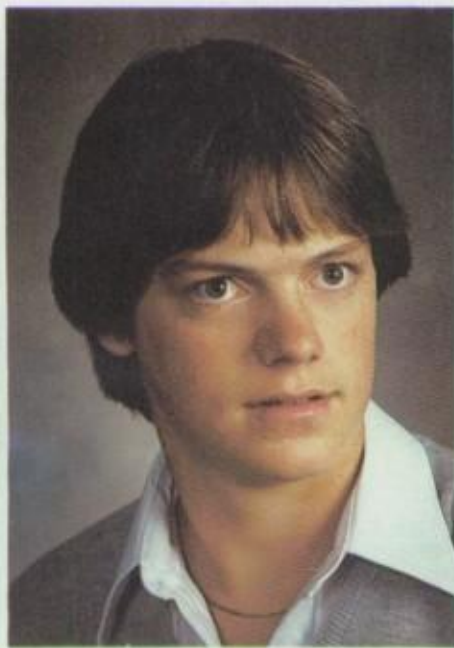
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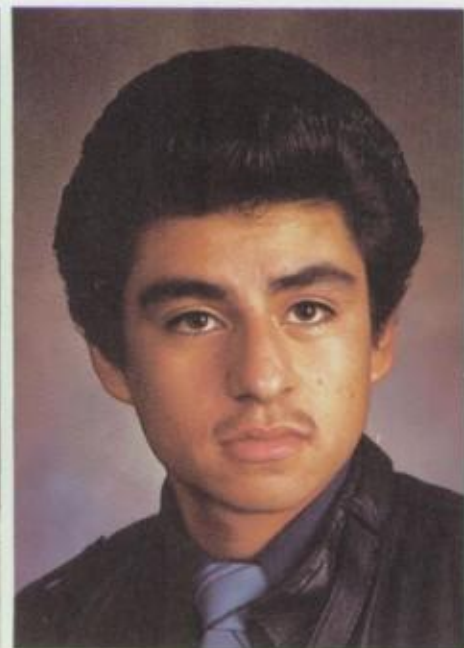
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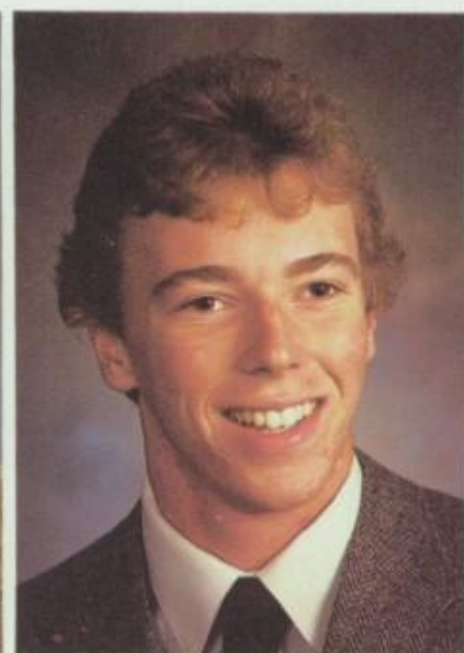
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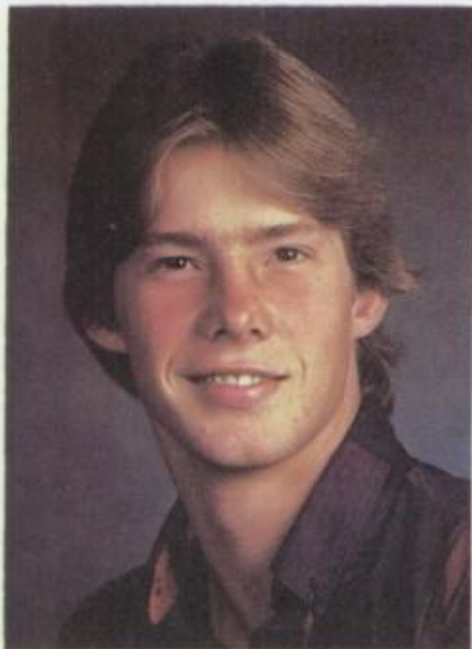
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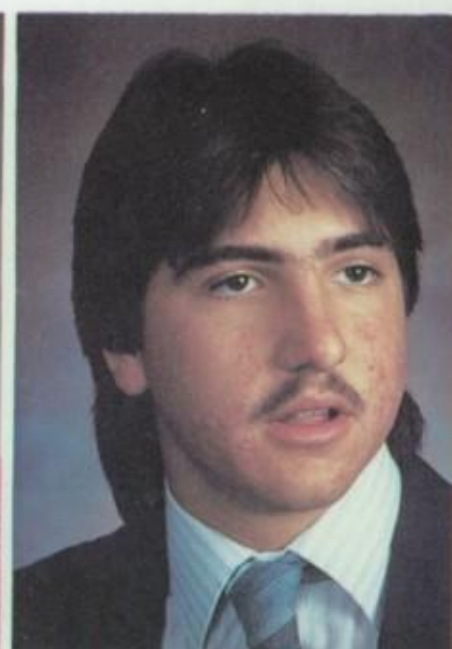
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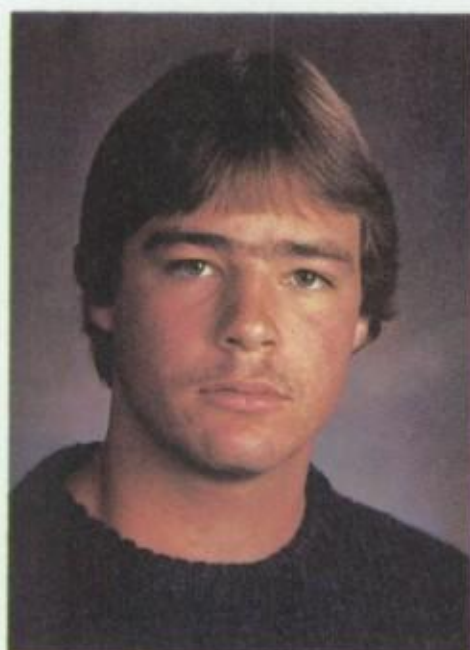
Dianna Palomo



Stefanie Parker



Patricia Perez



Mike Pitcairn



Patricia Plaza



Dawn Popeney



Mary Portillo

Decathlon Team Meets the Challenge

One of the most unheralded groups on campus was the Academic Decathlon team.

Mr. Nichols defined the Academic Decathlon as an academic competition run very much like the Olympics. They competed in ten events, math, English, science, fine arts, history, economics, essay, interview, speech, and the oral quiz, commonly referred to as the "Super Quiz." He described the purpose of the decathlon as a means of recognizing academic achievements by students.

The team started training for competition at the beginning of the school year. They trained during lunches, after school, and sometimes an evening during the week. They competed all day November 16 against all the schools in Kern County, as a team and individually.

The team members were selected according to their grade point average. Also if they were on the team their junior year, they were asked back for their senior year.

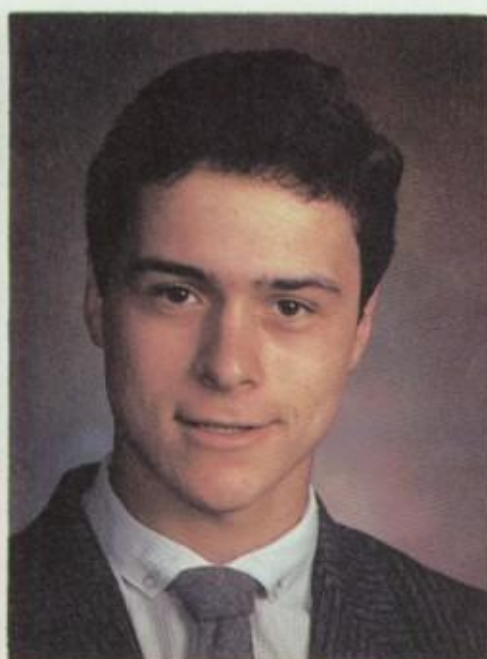
Denise Regier felt that the decathlon helped inform people of a different type of competition other than sports. The reason for this was that the decathlon taught sportsmanship. Mr. Nichols felt that it was a great educational experience and remarked that he had never had a team member who was sorry he or she got involved.

When Denise Regier was asked what she thought was the highlight of the decathlon, she said she liked working together and she thought Mr. Nichols stressed unity. Denise also stated that even if they didn't win, the feeling of learning and working together towards a common goal was enough satisfaction. She also remarked that many other school's teams had so much pressure riding on them that they didn't do well, which was the opposite of our team, because Mr. Nichols relaxed the group and this helped them do better.

The team was made up of six people; Eiko Yamamoto, Michelle Wiens, Frank Bernardi, Jim Kilgore, Tricia Larsen, and Denise Regier. The groups advisor was Mr. Nichols.



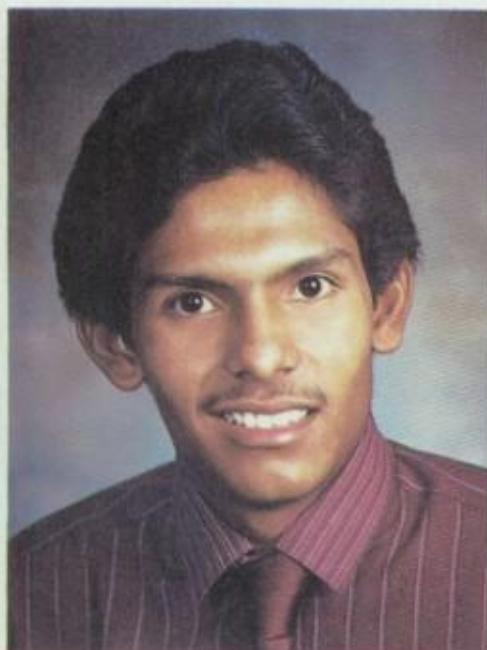
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Roslyn Richardson



Bobbie Roach



Christina Rodriguez



Rosemary Rodriguez



Yolanda Rojas



Janice Romero

Camping Out!

Why did you go to camp? "I thought it would be interesting as well as a great experience. I also wanted to meet new people," David Brooks replied. Those were only a few of the reasons Shafter High seniors went through the trauma of packing, leaving home to be with complete strangers, and then leaving those new-found friends to return home again.

There were many different kinds of camps available to SHS students and some students went to more than one. Rick Hunter went to two 4-H camps, Enterprise College, two church camps, a backpacking trip, and Yearbook Camp.

Summer camps varied in length from a few days to several weeks. Eiko Yamamoto attended a summer camp on the college campus of UC Santa Barbara for six weeks while Jack Frey went to a Leadership Camp for four days.

The social experience seemed to be a main reason for attending camp. The friends one made may last a lifetime. Many people went to camp for the sole purpose of meeting new people and being reunited with friends made at "last year's camp."

Summer camps were not only social affairs but also educational experiences. What one learned depended upon what kind of camp one went to. Todd Tracy, who went to Boy's State, learned "how to run a city government." And at the Health Professions Camp at UC Irvine, Thomasina Leal learned, "what classes I should be taking to become a doctor."

Summer camps were usually something which everybody looked forward to and nobody forgot. Camps were fun and educational, and they provided memories which lasted a lifetime. Denise Regier, who went to Girl's State, said that she would always remember "The friendships I made and the feelings of unity."



Kelly Salcido



Gilbert Saldana



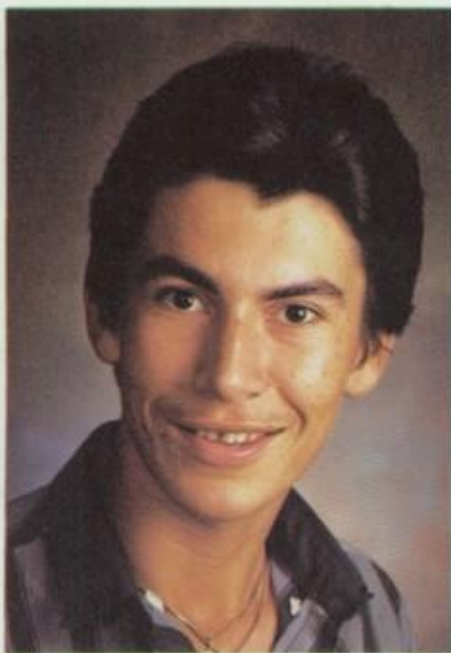
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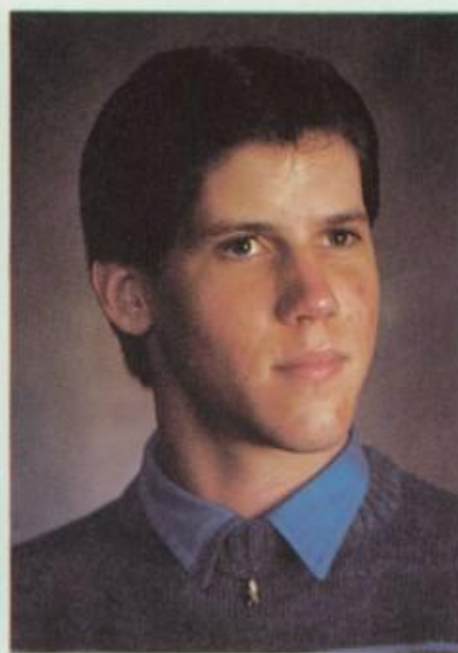
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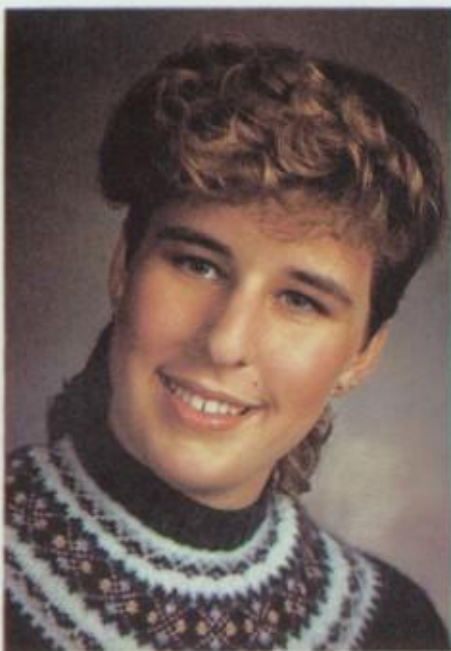
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Work Experience Gives You A Head Start

Although the rigors of school often could be more than enough for one person to handle, there were many high school kids who took on the extra responsibility of working after school and on the week-ends.

Mr. Nash director of the Work Experience Program at Shafter High, said that it was hard to estimate how many seniors had jobs because the students didn't know it was mandatory to have an updated work permit at all times.

Mr. Nash also stressed that work experience class was really a service to the students in that if they worked a certain average hours per week, they would be eligible to receive credits for it.

Shafter High seniors held many different types of jobs, such as gas-station attendants, stock-people at grocery stores, crew people at fast-food places, and even an assistant baker, such as Gilbert Saldana.

Gilbert was the assistant baker at Fries Bakery in Shafter. He said he enjoyed the independence his job gave him, and stated his hours were good and the pay was acceptable.

William Thrasher, a gas-station attendant at the Exxon on I-5 near Buttonwillow, said he enjoyed his job, except that it was hard to work during wrestling season. He also felt that his schoolwork had never suffered because of his job.

Sophie Garza who worked at the Safeway in Shafter, said she averaged around 25 hours a week, and remarked that if you didn't plan your time efficiently, schoolwork could catch up on you.

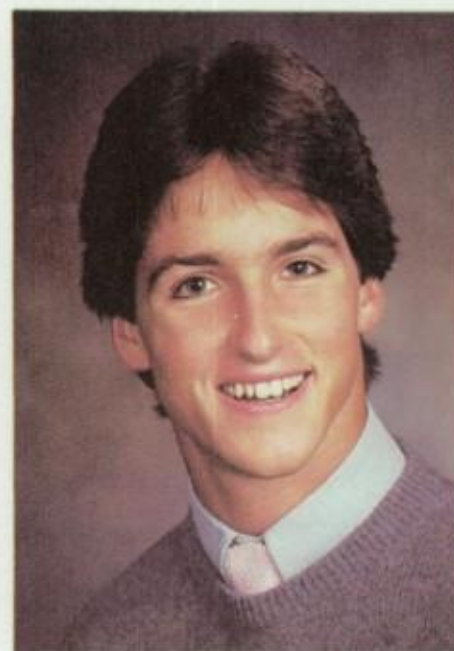
If it is not surprising that out of all the seniors asked most replied that they were working to save money for a car, or buy a stereo for one, and if they kept working an average of 25 hours per week, it wouldn't be long until they reached their goal.



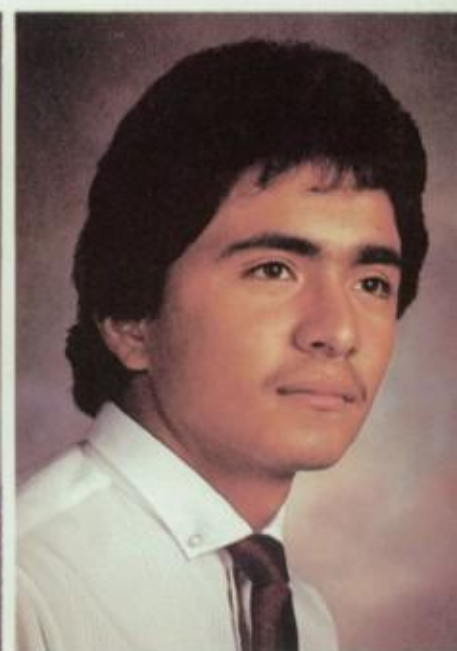
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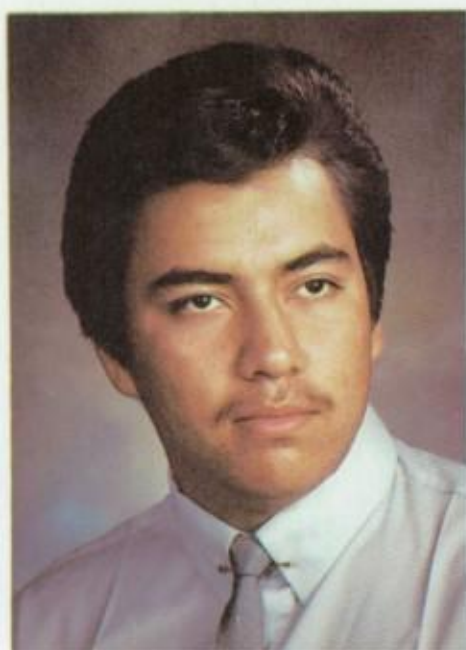
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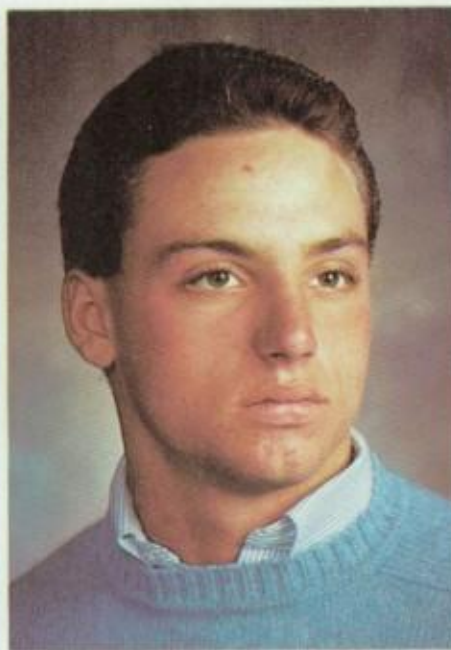
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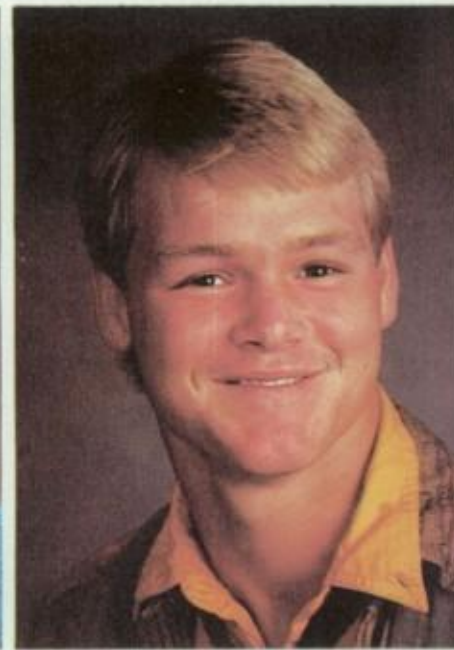
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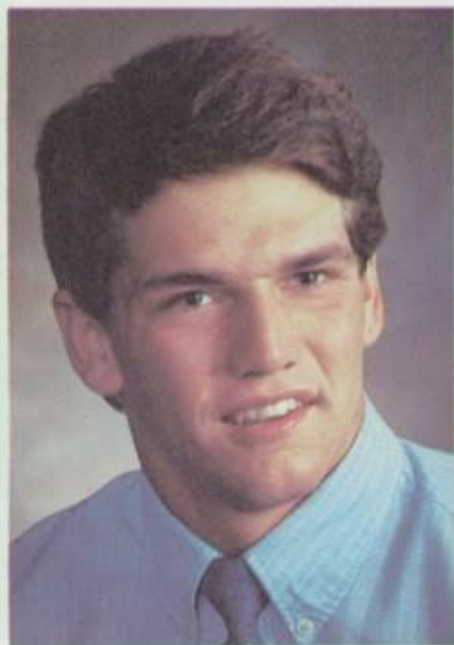
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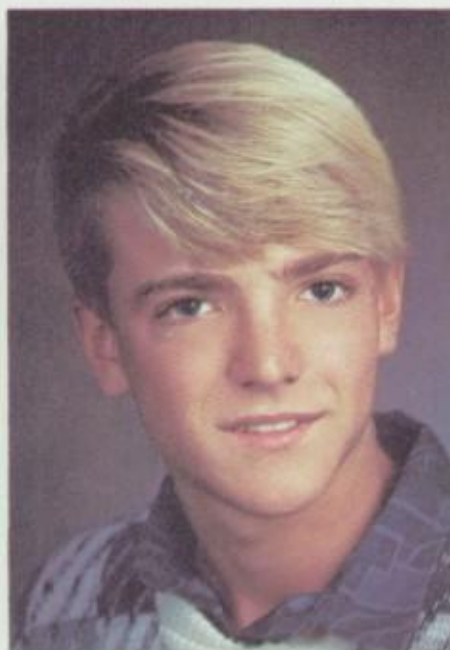
Todd White



Michelle Wiens



Mary Wiggins



Steve Wilson



Eiko Yamamoto



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**Study!!
Work!!
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Seniors



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Do It All!!



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1. Steve Wilson and his band rock the Shafter High Alumni during a rally.
2. The Senior Class of 1986 perform the traditional spellout.
3. Luis Maldonado and Patricia Perez research information in the library.
4. ROP works for Susan Carrasco.
5. Seasoned Seniors, Thomasina Leal, Jennifer Endes, Robin Dixon, Corina Arizmendez, Dianna Palomo, and Jo Anne Bustos show the rest of the class how to have fun with Halloween.



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We've Got It . . . In Student Life



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1. Shafter High Students get an A for spirit.
2. Robbie Hutchinson and Mila Cooper boogie down at the dance.
3. Jill Ryan and Courtney Kern take a water break at the football game.
4. Brad Kloeppel shows off his surfing magazine to the lunch mob.

1985 Homecoming



Eiko Yamamoto
escort: Jim Kilgore



Patrica Plaza
escort: Jose Arismendez



Queen Kelly Salcido
escort: Allen Biloff

Royalty



Yolanda Rojas
escort: Marcial Carrera

Melissa Diaz
escort: Louie Maldonado

Carriages, velvet dresses, and red roses,

were all a part of homecoming night.

Five girls from the senior class were chosen by the Shafter High student body to be in the Homecoming court.

Being one of the five, Yolanda Rojas said, "I was surprised that I was chosen, but excited about it."

On Friday night, the girls arrived at the school and began getting ready for the night's festivities.

One by one the girls were taken around the football field in horse drawn carriages.

As they made their way to the stage in the center of the field, a brief history of their high school years was announced before the anxious crowd.

"This year the student body of Shafter High has chosen to be their 1985 Homecoming queen . . . Kelly Salcido," said the announcer, to the crowd in the bleachers.

"I was excited and proud when I heard my name called," said Kelly.

The carriages are gone, the dresses are put away in closets and the roses have faded.

Nothing more is left of homecoming 1985 but memories. Whether it was the defeat of losing the chair pile up, being hit by a pie at the pie eating contest, or dancing with that cute someone at the homecoming dance, there will always be the memories that made homecoming very special.

A special thank you goes to Sears Tuxedo Service for supplying the escorts' tuxedos, also to Steven's Studio for taking the formal group picture, and to Jill Ryan, who organized the week's noon time events and homecoming night.

Spirit Peaks During Home

It seemed to be just an ordinary lunch period. A bunch of students gathered around a table, when suddenly a fight broke out and students began to run.

This was no fight Mr. Larson could break up. The Homecoming candidates were fighting one another, but it wasn't over who would get the crown.

It was the annual pie eating contest which turned into a pie fight. Just one of the many activities held during Homecoming Week.

All through the week there were events held during lunch to promote spirit for Homecoming.

There was the traditional banana eating contest and chair pile up, along with a new event called the chariot race.

Seniors took first place in the banana eating contest and chair pile up, while the sophomores won the chariot race.

"The noon time activities made Homecoming Week fun; the seniors were awesome and proved to be number one," said senior Jennifer Endes.

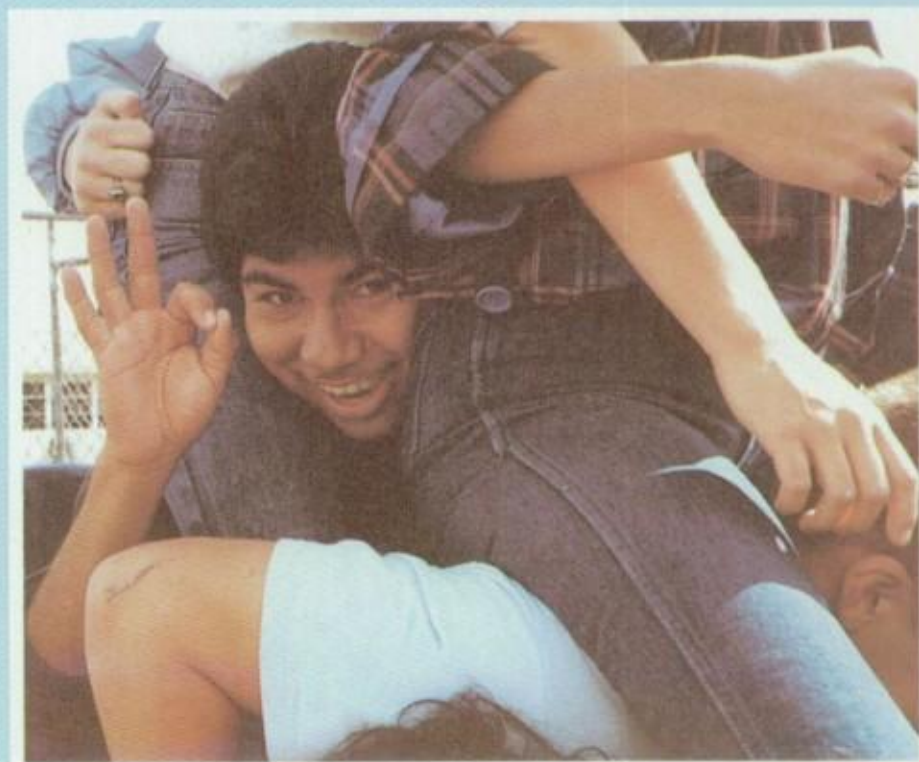
As the week came to a close many students looked upon Homecoming as one of the best weeks on campus this year.

Junior Sonja Davis said, "Homecoming week was great because of the spirit and enthusiasm shown by the classes throughout the week.

"Shafter High came together during this week. We were really united as one."



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1. Kelly Salcido and escort Allen Biloff leave the football field after Kelly was crowned the 1985 Homecoming queen.
2. Homecoming candidates Eiko Yamamoto and Pat Plaza enjoy some chocolate pie at the traditional pie eating contest.
3. Caught in the middle, José Arismendez was one of the ten seniors that led the Class of '86 to victory in the chair pile up.
4. A proud group of sophomores tries hard to win the chair pile up but end up getting third place.
5. Joanna Romanini proves that the freshmen have big mouths during the banana eating contest that took them to third place.

Spirit and Unity Prevailed!



We came! We saw! We cheered! We watched as our fellow students transformed themselves into spirit promoters. Before us, with smiles and enthusiasm that never faltered, they performed cheer after cheer to the delight of our faithful Shafter audience. How did the cheerleaders do it? With a will to increase school spirit and many long hours of practice.

Although the cheerleaders already made posters, sold spirit promoting items, and appeared at every sporting function of Shafter High School in some form or another, there were still things

which they wished they could have done to increase school spirit. Sonja Davis jokingly remarked, "We should pay them to yell!"

In addition to spirit, the varsity cheerleaders put in many hours of practice. Those girls had chosen a sport which did not end when one season was over, but continued all year round.

Along with practicing every day for two hours, the squad also went to camp. The girls learned such things as dances and cheers which they performed at games and rallies. Michelle Floyd stated that, "We learned how to be patient with

ourselves and others." All of them agreed that they learned how to "be a unit." This camp was the key factor in making seven different girls feel like one unified squad.

Those feelings of unity and spirit, increased by the many practices after school, were displayed to their fullest extent when the varsity cheerleaders rode the traditional Shafter bell around the football field to open the night's game. At first they waved pom-poms and screamed; later they joined together in chants and cheers. With emotions running high, spirit and unity prevailed!



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1. Varsity cheerleaders promote spirit during a home volleyball game.
2. The girls perform one of their many breathtaking pyramids.
3. Jill Ryan explains a cheer to the cheerleader's littlest mascot, Courtney Kern.
4. The cheerleaders offer support to the volleyball players at Wasco.

Putting It On the Line



Ready, okay! What did these words mean to you? Well, to the kids here at Shafter High they meant, "All right, it's time to be rowdie!" To the spectators in the stands they meant, "Let's sit up; more serious action is here." But to the Frosh-Soph cheerleaders those two simple words meant, "We've worked many months for this; let's put it on the line."

The Frosh-Soph cheerleaders did indeed "put it on the line," but they did it with a smile and an inner confidence that showed. Cheerleading wasn't always as easy as it looked.

The cheerleaders were chosen in a two part selection process. During the first part, these cheerleaders attended after-school sessions for two weeks from the last week of January to the first week of February. At these sessions, they learned two difficult cheers. The Frosh-Soph cheerleaders also had to write an essay concerning why they wanted to be a cheerleader and their teachers filled out an evaluation sheet on them. At the

same time a computer was spitting out the Frosh-Soph cheerleader's G.P.A.'s. Mechelle Bertolucci laughed, "While all that was going on I was pretty scared, but it was worth it." The second part of the selection process consisted of finally performing for the judges, who were the Cal State Bakersfield cheerleaders. Did nerves set in? "Yes," remembered Teresa Strickland, "my hands were shaking and I felt sick to my stomach."

Out on the field or the court, we saw enthusiastic and spirited cheerleaders jumping around, but who gave them that extra push? It was Mrs. Meeler, who had been the advisor for both Frosh-Soph and Varsity cheerleaders for six years. "I probably had more spirit than anyone else," joked Mrs. Meeler, but it wasn't a joke this year. Mrs. Meeler was a friend as well as an advisor to the Frosh-Soph cheerleaders. She also had the cheerleaders circulating around our campus selling spirit boosters.

When the Frosh-Soph cheerleaders

went to the U.S.A. (United Spirit Association) Summer Camp, their lives were tiring yet fun. What did they do at camp? "We ate a lot!" exclaimed Buffie Whitworth and Sherri Antongiovanni. "And we would've gained five pounds each, but they worked us hard."

The Frosh-Soph cheerleaders started actually learning cheers on the first day they were there. Throughout the week of camp they learned an average of one dance routine a day! They were required to perform everything they learned on the last day. It was strenuous, but it made the Frosh-Soph cheerleaders strive to attain their best, which was also evident whenever they happened to look at their U.S.A. Spirit Stick. They earned the Spirit Stick by performing excellently.

Spirit was reinforced by little things such as pom-poms, spirit ribbons and blue and gold ties, by rallies and school dress-up days, and lastly, by the Frosh-Soph cheerleaders.



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1. Frosh-Soph Cheerleaders, front row: Stacey Lynch, Sherri Antongiovanni, Deene Bittleston, 2nd row: Tara Meeler, Buffie Whitworth, Teresa Strickland, Daniella Campbell, 3rd row: Mechelle Bertolucci.
2. The cheerleaders show their stuff at our first rally.
3. Mrs. Meeler gives last minute instructions.
4. The Frosh-Soph cheerleaders pep up the crowd before a game.
5. The cheerleaders turn to check out the field action.

Excuse me! I would like to put my books in the locker before the year 2000! Hey don't cut, I hate standing in line! Would you hurry up?!! Make-up! Where's my make-up?!! Bathroom time!

It was lunch period. Students were standing in line for a salad or a Snickers. They were meeting and talking with friends, or going to a club meeting; everything was ordinary except for a few things.

Some students of Shafter High were missing. In place of the missing students were characters out of television, comic books, and nightmares.

The nice traditional witches, ghosts, and goblins weren't there either. Instead there were numbers of colorful clowns, an assortment of not so pretty beauty pageant queens, and a baker, a butcher and a candlestick maker in a tub.

It turned out that those students who were missing weren't missing or replaced after all. The characters on the grounds of Shafter High were students themselves.

Students who were usually so well dressed, transformed themselves into wacko punk rockers. Wannabe Elviras were walking the grounds of Shafter High. Secretaries became black and white striped prisoners. It was apparent that not only was it lunch time but spook time.

The traditional Halloween dress-up day was here. Although the Halloween dress-up day didn't have contests between students for the "best costume", "most original", or "the scariest", students still kept the spirit gong by dressing up as their favorite character. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors became whomever and whatever they wanted to be. For one day they didn't have to look like the normal, average high school student. Even teachers joined in this once a year event, and it seemed everyone enjoyed himself.

Missing!?!



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1. Frosh-Soph Cheerleaders, front row: Stacey Lynch, Sherri Antongiovanni, Deene Bittleston, 2nd row: Tara Meeler, Buffie Whitworth, Teresa Strickland, Daniella Campbell, 3rd row: Mechelle Bertolucci.
2. The cheerleaders show their stuff at our first rally.
3. Mrs. Meeler gives last minute instructions.
4. The Frosh-Soph cheerleaders pep up the crowd before a game.
5. The cheerleaders turn to check out the field action.

Dynamic Majorettes!



Dynamic! This one word described them all. The majorettes were certainly that and much more. The team of six was as energetic as an explosion of dynamite. "With being spirited and trying to excite the crowd, who has time to be bored!" exclaimed Deana Schmidt, just one of the marvelous majorettes. Their practicing involved an overwhelming 10-11 hours a week.

The majorettes also spent four days at U.S.A. Santa Barbara camp. "I love it," Linda Martinez volunteered.

To learn drills they had to spend long hours with each other. "I've spent so much time practicing with them, they're like a second family," said Debbie Tudor. The family only had one rule and that was "No, talking about others - ever!"

The family consisted of the older majorettes who were Melany Miller, Debbie Tudor, and Deana Schmidt. The

younger group members were Kristie Paine, Erica Cramer and Linda Martinez. The whole majorettes team had the routines down pat whether it was for a parade, rally or game.

1. Majorettes group picture top; Melany Miller, Deana Schmidt, second; Debbie Tudor, Erica Cramer, front; Kristie Paine, Linda Martinez.
2. Majorettes learn new routines.
3. Practice insures the perfect performance.



"The Blue Batallion Breaks Out"



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1. The band members, front row; Mr. Hutchinson, M. Cooper, L. Moreno, V. Cummings, J. Cooper, A. Heinke, T. Tuck, A. Bruce, C. Brulee, K. Page, J. Gonzales, D. Bullard, Second row; C. Kilpatrick, A. Jenkins, K. Deucheneaux, S. Wilson, N. Hamilton, B. Bright, M. Castro, N. Nickelson, R. Hampton. Third row; D. Cauchas, C. Acosta, S. Sherman, K. Nickel, P. Aleman, A. Selvidge, D. Baily, B. Little, B. Cluff. Back row; R. Hutchinson, D. Pounds, D. Westbrook, S. Boatwright, E. Ballard, M. Boatwright, C. Langston, K. Long, and K. Davis.
2. Mila Cooper plays the flute.
3. Bobby Bright practices the baritone.

"We start with a piece of music no one can play, and after many hours of practice, it comes out a nice piece of music," said Mr. Hutchinson.

The band put in many hours of practice, keeping busy with halftime at home football games, pep rallies, and seasonal concerts. Mr. Hutchinson said, "For every minute the band performs, they put in at least one hour of practice."

The band also participated in such events as the Shafter Band Review, and the Bakersfield Veteran's Day parade.

On December seventh, the band

entered the Arvin and Bakersfield Halftime Competition. Lead by drum majors Mila Cooper and Ann Heinke, the Shafter High Marching Blue Batallion placed third in the competition.

Mr. Hutchinson, a band teacher for the past seventeen years, taught band here at Shafter High for the past ten years of his career. "I'm a people person," he said, "and I enjoy working with people."

Excuse me! I would like to put my books in the locker before the year 2000! Hey don't cut, I hate standing in line! Would you hurry up?!! Make-up! Where's my make-up?!! Bathroom time!

It was lunch period. Students were standing in line for a salad or a Snickers. They were meeting and talking with friends, or going to a club meeting; everything was ordinary except for a few things.

Some students of Shafter High were missing. In place of the missing students were characters out of television, comic books, and nightmares.

The nice traditional witches, ghosts, and goblins weren't there either. Instead there were numbers of colorful clowns, an assortment of not so pretty beauty pageant queens, and a baker, a butcher and a candlestick maker in a tub.

It turned out that those students who were missing weren't missing or replaced after all. The characters on the grounds of Shafter High were students themselves.

Students who were usually so well dressed, transformed themselves into wacko punk rockers. Wannabe Elviras were walking the grounds of Shafter High. Secretaries became black and white striped prisoners. It was apparent that not only was it lunch time but spook time.

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The Halloween Dress-up Day showed that a lot of creative students were attending Shafter High. Raggedy Ann visited our school that day. IT really wasn't Raggedy Ann but one of those creative students, Tanya Barton.



1. Kevin Edgmon as Alfalfa escorts Buffie Whitworth who dresses as Beauty Queen of Dos Palos.
2. The black and white jailbirds are really (left to right): Mrs. Weidenbach, Mrs. Joye Carroll, Mrs. Nobles, and Mrs. Bergman.

November 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, were school days that stood out. Activities of all sort filled that week. Spirit points were given out. Students rode tricycles, dressed as Wasco students; skits were done and they weren't just done for spirit points. It was traditional Wasco Week.

Like Rival Nations

November 18th-

Once again the traditional Wasco rival week came and went. It was full of fun and competitive games for all students to join in and have a great time. It is a tradition to have these games everyday during lunch. The first game, the one that started us off with a splash, was the water balloon toss which ended up in a win for the seniors.

-November 19th-

Since Monday started off so well we had to keep up the fun, and we did. The tricycle race followed. The winners were big, bad seniors who were small in size. That noon activity was not the only one of the day. Shafter High students went back in time, back to the 50's. Poodle skirts and rolled up jeans were the sight.

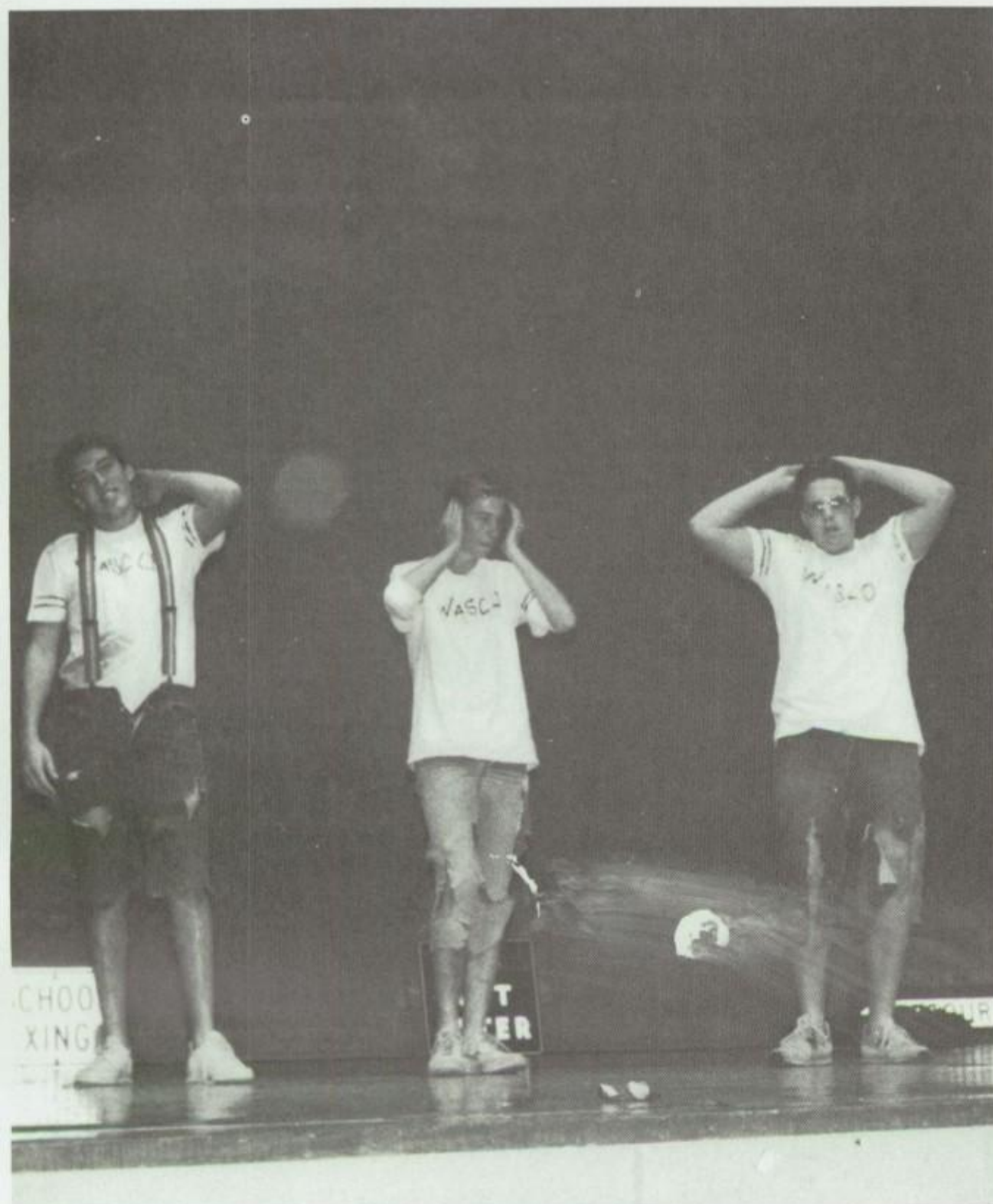
-November 20th-

Do I hear \$10 ... \$20 ... \$30 ... \$60 ...? Out in front of the gym you could hear Mr. Stuebbe selling his prized football team to the google-eyed girls. Slave auction day had come again. Girls saved money for their ideal hunk. Mr. Hunk of the day was Johnny Bustos who sold for \$66. Next on the list of hunks, trailing by a dollar, was Mr. Todd Tracy.

-November 21st-

This was the day we showed our ideas of Wasco students. There was a motley assortment of Wasconians lurking around the campus. The ideas we portrayed were fun, but wait ... later on in the evening it was ladies night and they put on quite a show. Flag football was the game even though the players would've played regular old tackle football. The Generalettes prevailed over the Colonelettes 34-0. The Lady Generals owe part of the credit to star quarterback, Christi Vontz, who ran in for three touchdowns. Credit also goes to Ellene Roach who caught a pass which went in for another touchdown. On the Lady Colonels team, Buffie Whitworth and





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Julie Escalante showed some great potential. Maybe next year the Frosh/Soph will come through. After the game a steady murmur rose to a shout heard: "Burn the Tigers! Burn the Tigers!" Again and again you could hear the Shafter High students chanting. Heat rose as these students tightened the circle around the bonfire that held the unlucky, trapped tiger.

-November 22nd-

Awesome and dynamic was the rally here at our very own auditorium. One of the best in years it seems. Time and effort, plus a lot of hard work went into this tremendous rally. Everyone got together to put on a show worth seeing over and over again. Today was a day well worth remembering. But don't forget, this was not the only highlight of the day, or should we say night. The mighty Generals beat out the Tigers 31-6. Yes, in the ongoing rivalry between Wasco and us, victory reigned at Shafter for one more year. What about next year????????????????????

1. This time it was Shafter High's turn to host Wasco for the traditional breakfast before the rally took place in the auditorium. The rally first took place at Shafter High. Our Generals enjoy the rally, while Wasco (sitting below) are unable to relax. After the rally was over, the Shafter High Generals, cheerleaders, and Ex. Board members went to Wasco to attend the rally there.
2. Shafter High students perform a skit at the Shafter-Wasco rally; they're doing their impressions of the Wasco Football players.
3. Craig Arnall, a member of the Shafter High Generals becomes a full fledged cheerleader for the Powder Puff game.
4. Walt Weishaar, a member of the Shafter High Football team, waits to be sold as slave at the annual slave auction to the highest bidder.
5. The Shafter High Varsity Cheerleaders draws spirit from Shafter High students as the Generals enter the auditorium for the Shafter-Wasco rally.

How's your health? Well, Shafter High Students found out on January 28, 1986, at the first ever Shafter High Health Fair.

The fair was brought here courtesy of the Shafter High Rep Council. It was designed to inform students and make them more aware of their personal health.

The students had the opportunity to have their vision, weight, hearing, and blood pressure checked.

There were also various centers located throughout the library dealing with topics such as suicide, pregnancy, family planning, and skin care.

The Council members performed all the tasks, including conducting the mini-seminars, taking blood pressure readings, and providing students with a copy of their biorhythms. The members had to do all their own research on the subjects they were teaching which involved a great deal of preparation.

When asked about the Health Fair, Rachelle Hampton commented, "I really liked the center for suicide. It was good to have that because suicide is a big problem today, and people need to be more aware of it."

Kristi Krause said, "A lot of people were hesitant about participating in some of the seminars, but when they did, they learned a lot about themselves and their health."

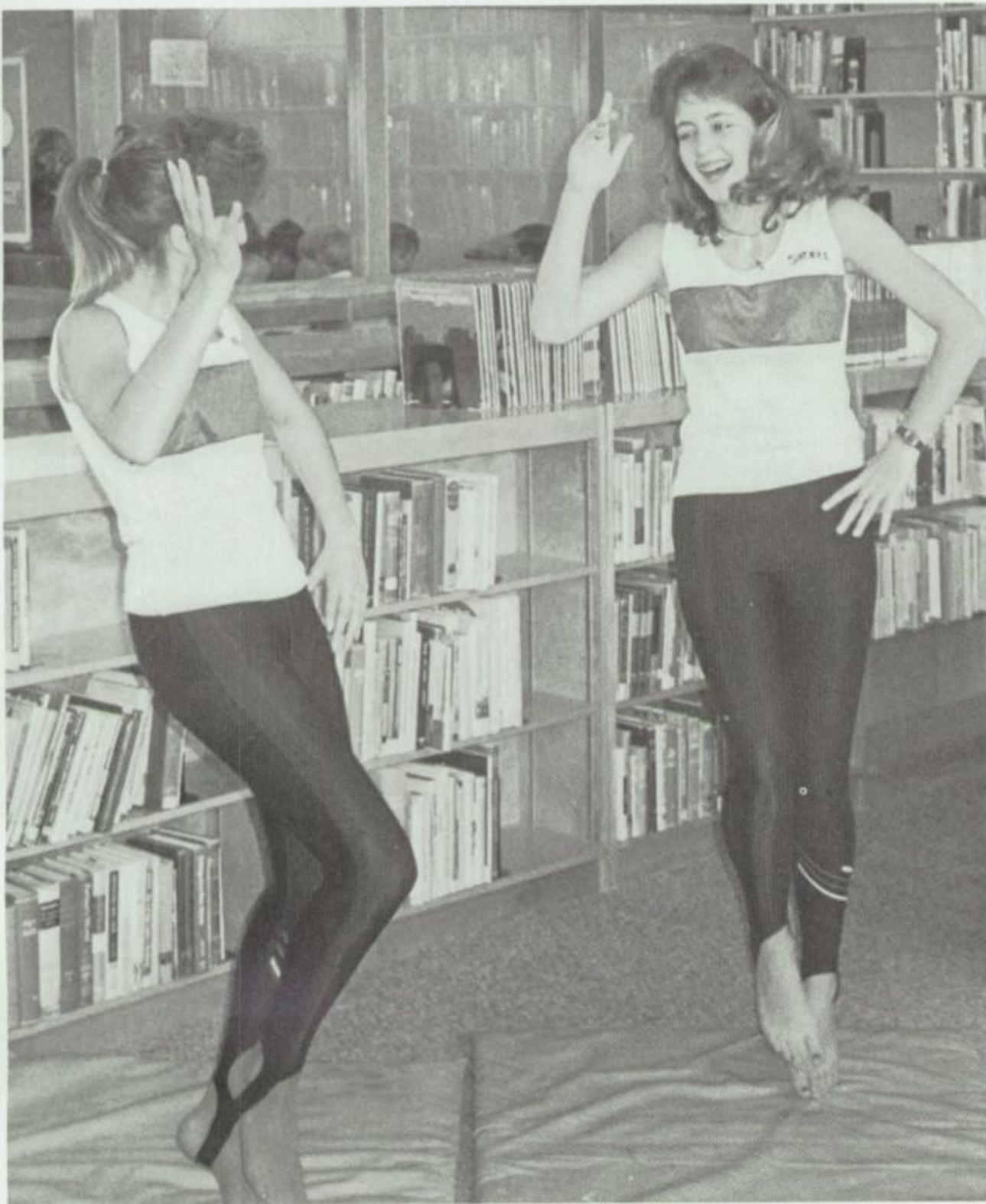
Other students expressed their comments and ideas about the Health Fair.

Sophie Garza, president of the Rep Council, said, "It took a lot of time, effort, and work. It was a big responsibility. I think that this should be a project done every two to three years, instead of every year."

Students were taken out of their history or social studies classes, and sent to the library for the health fair.

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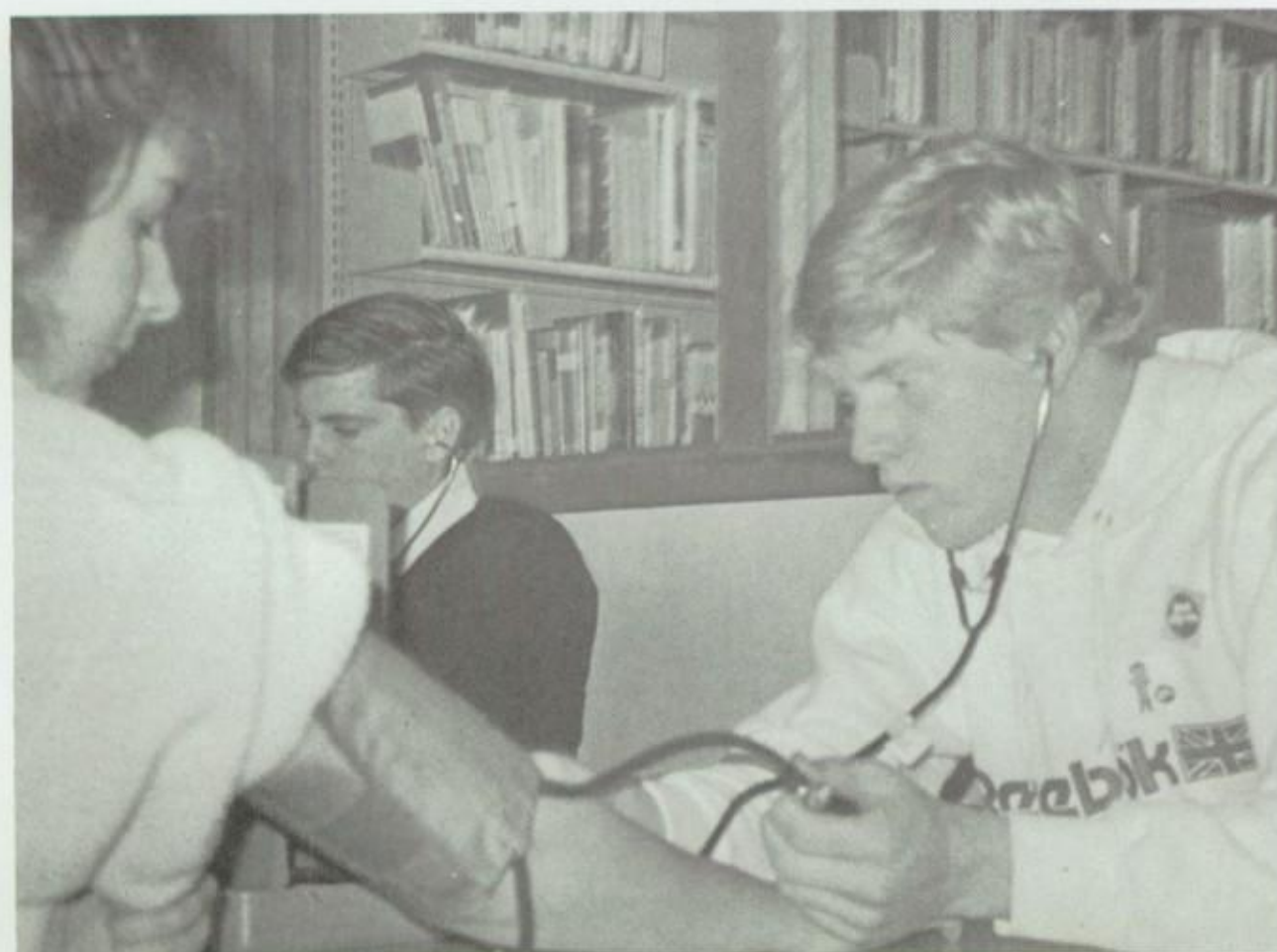
1. Stacie Foote is weighing Jennifer Laughlin.
2. Sofie Garza gives Sara Archer a copy of her biorhythms.
3. Sherri Antongiovanni and Julie Escalante give students a demonstration of a good aerobic work-out.
4. Bob Kilgore is taking a blood pressure reading.

Mrs. Miller, the Rep Council advisor, was very pleased with the turn out. She stated, "Every one did a great job with the fair, and all the hard work put out by everyone on the council was reflected by the turnout."

Miller also stated, "Many students feel that the Health Fair should be an annual event, but considering all the time involved, I feel it should be done every two to three years, so that Rep Council can function in the ways it was chartered for."

When the students left the health fair at the end of the period, they were asked to fill out a participant evaluation. Mrs. Miller commented that "The evaluations were filled out very honestly and the majority answered all questions positively."

Everyone considered the Health Fair a great success. All the students, and everyone involved seemed to enjoy themselves, and have fun learning all about their health habits.



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"I feel honored to be this year's Winter Sports Queen. All the student body votes for the winner and I feel lucky to have been chosen."

A Night Of Glamour!

This is what Jennifer Endes said upon being chosen Shafter High's new 1986 Winter Sports Queen. She was crowned by last year's Queen, Kim Handel, at the Winter Sports Queen dance on January 30, 1986.

The dance, put on by the Key Club, was held after the Wasco-Shafter basketball game. Contrary to the tradition of past years, the dance was not a semi-formal. Only the candidates and their escorts were required to have formal attire.

The dance was a great success for Key Club as they profited a substantial amount. Refreshments were served for all to enjoy and the music was provided by Mike Briggs, an SHS student.

When asked how she felt about having such a contest as Winter Sports Queen, Jennifer replied that she thought it was a good idea because everyone had a chance. Anyone can become involved because grades are not taken into account and the student body chooses its winner.

Each club on campus elects a senior girl to represent them. These girls become the Winter Sports Queen candidates. The girls must be involved in the club from which they are elected from. The student body then chooses its winner from the candidates.

The Winter Sports Queen's responsibility was to return the following year and crown the new queen. In this way, the crown is passed down from queen to queen.

The Winter Sports Queen dance was a tradition which allowed a variety of girls to be involved in a school activity. Though not necessarily a beauty contest, Winter Sports Queen was based more on popularity. It was an honor to have been chosen as a candidate and an even greater honor to become queen. All in all, the Winter Sports Queen night was full of fun and excitement for all.





1. Kim Handel crowns a radiant Jennifer Endes.
2. Students enjoy the Winter Sports Queen Dance. A night filled with excitement.
3. Jennifer and her escort Todd Tracy lead off the dancing.
4. l to r: Denise Regier, C.S.F.; Michelle Wiens, Key Club; Stephanie Parker, Mat Maids; Dawn Popeney, F.F.A.; Debbie Nunlist, Ski Club; Jennifer Endes, Pep Club; Sofie Garza, Rep Council; Thomasina Leal, Interact Club; Gina Espudo, M.E.c.H.A.; Dianna Palomo, Publications; Mary Wiggins, Outdoor Sports. Escorts l to r: Steven Nickel; Jack Frey; Scott Acosta; Mike Spencer; Ramiro Canalas; Todd Tracy; Abelino Solorio; Jose Arismendez; Richard Escalante; Jim Heiser; Mark Boatwright.

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What in the world is Sadie Hawkins Day and where is the city of Dog Patch, Mt. Shafter Township!?!

She' Gonna Get You!

It was another Sadie Hawkins day in the city of Dog Patch, Mt. Shafter Township. Where if the guys couldn't run fast and one of those over zealous farm girls caught them, they were married for life by the Honorable "Marrin' Sam." Otherwise known as Mr. Nash.

All of the Dog Patchers were out celebrating the win against Garces and dancing to the tunes of Blake Hyer, Steven Nickel, and Rick Hunter. And yes Marrin' Sam was all set up to marry all of those unfortunate males who were caught by all those fast footed farm girls. Marrin' Sam was busy all night making happy couples and making lots of money doing so.

When Mr. Kern, the CSF adviser, was asked how long Sadie Hawkins has been a tradition he said, "I don't know, since I was in high school," no one knows when he graduated. Sadie Hawkins was started a long time ago so girls could ask guys to the dance.

In the old days it was considered forward for a girl to ask a guy to go out on a date or a dance, so this was their chance.

There was no specific organizer of the dance, the whole club just pitched in. CSF expected to make about \$150 on this dance. Cheryl Worthen was the one responsible for all of the advertising around the school.

The Lil' Abner candidates for this year were: Lil' Abner and Daisy Mae, Walt Weishaar and Tonya Barton, Abelinio Solorio with his escort Tami Handle, Johnny Bustos with his escort Stacy Enns, Todd Tracy with his escort Lisa Link, and Jim Kilgore with his escort Marla Burleson. The night ended with a bunch of worn out, tired, Dog Patchers with the majority of them married.



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1. Johnny Bustos, Stacy Enns, Tammy Handel, Abelino Solorio, Denise Regier; CSF Pres., Marla Burleson, Jim Kigore, Todd Tracy, Lisa Link, Walt Weishaar, Tonya Barton.
2. Two couples are happily joined in wedlock by Marrin' Sam.
3. Lil' Abner, Walt Weishaar and Daisy Mae, Tonya Barton.
4. Marrin' Sam, Mr. Nash.
5. "Abner" and "Daisy" dance to a few tunes.
6. Jim Kilgore and his escort Marla Burleson dance the night away.



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During the Christmas season, many activities were underway to give students a chance to show their Christmas spirit.

Merry Christmas!

First there was the Toys For Tots Dance which was held in the cafeteria rather than the barn. Over \$200 was raised along with many, many toys. The toys, which were used in place of the admission fee, were given to the Marines who wrapped and distributed them to needy families so others could also have a Merry Christmas.

Next came both the Food Drive and the Elf Tree. The Food Drive was organized by the Key Club. All the first period classes competed and the winner was Mrs. Fortenberry's class. The money raised was used to buy food and then taken, along with the food brought in by students, to families who needed it.

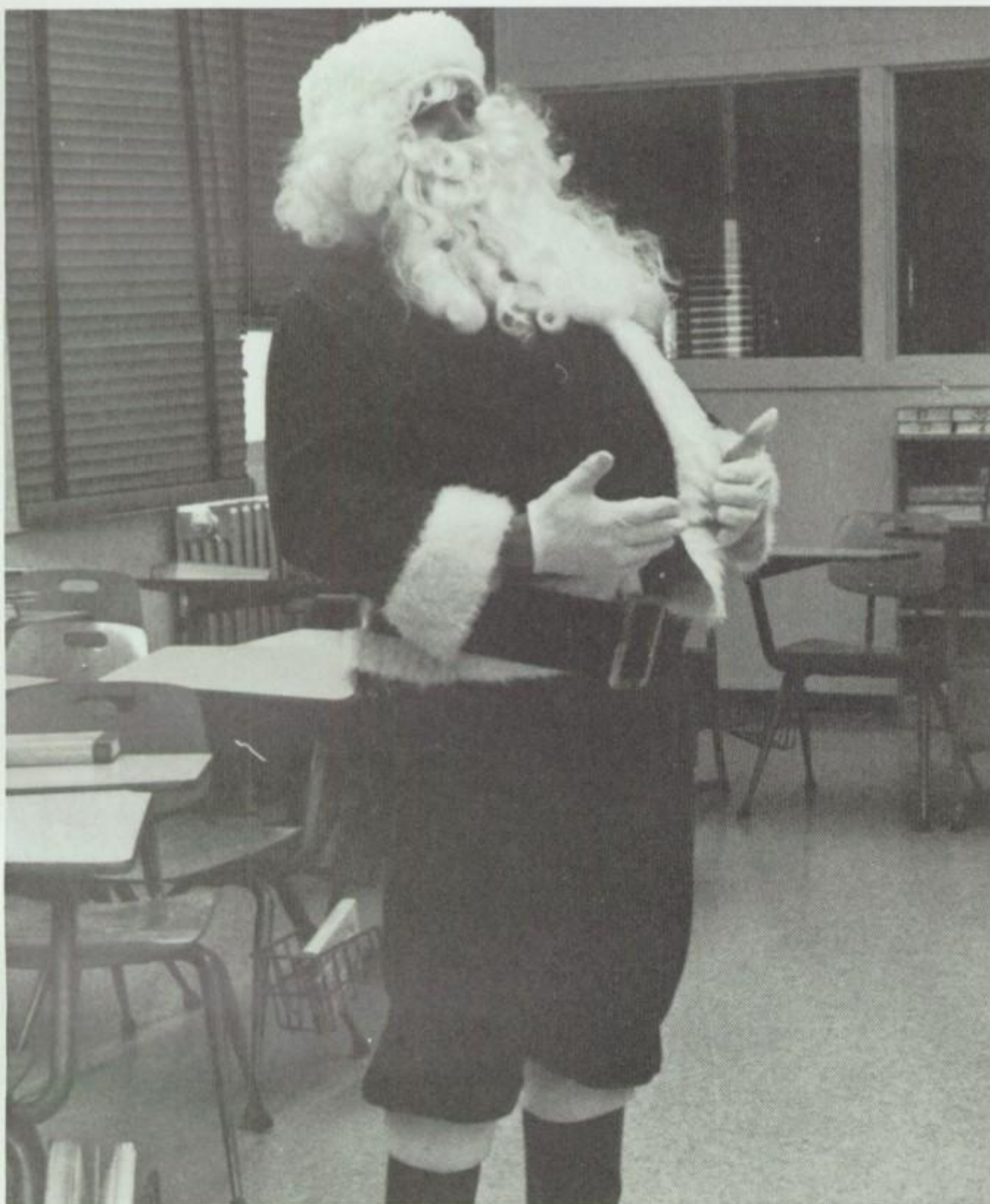
An Elf Tree competition was between Mrs. Eiden's first and second period English classes. Other students and staff members also contributed to help raise funds. \$350 was raised and this money was taken to buy gifts for the patients at the Shafter Convalescent Home. The gifts included things such as shampoo, baby powder, lotion, and tissue paper. The Publications class wrapped and delivered the gifts to the patients personally. The most important part of the whole process was the personal visits to each patient.

Shafter High was one of the best places to be at Christmas time. Because so many activities were operating, the students had no problem finding something which would best suit their Christmas spirit.



1. Jack Frey and Dan Waterhouse sort the food raised in the Food Drive.
2. The Elf Tree, ornamented with thoughts of caring and love, stands in the Main Office for all to see.





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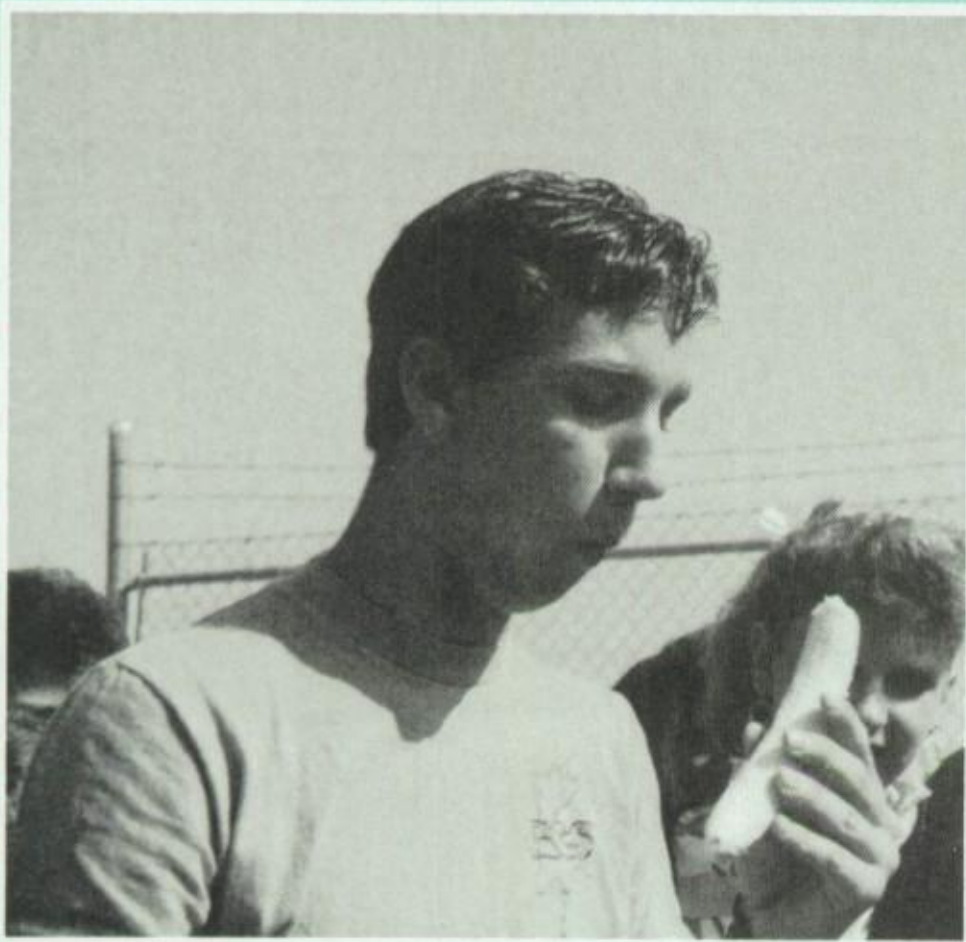
1. Mr. Stricker, alias Santa Claus, brings a little joy to the SHS campus.
2. The Publications staff prepares to deliver the gifts from the Elf Tree to the patients at the Convalescent Hospital.



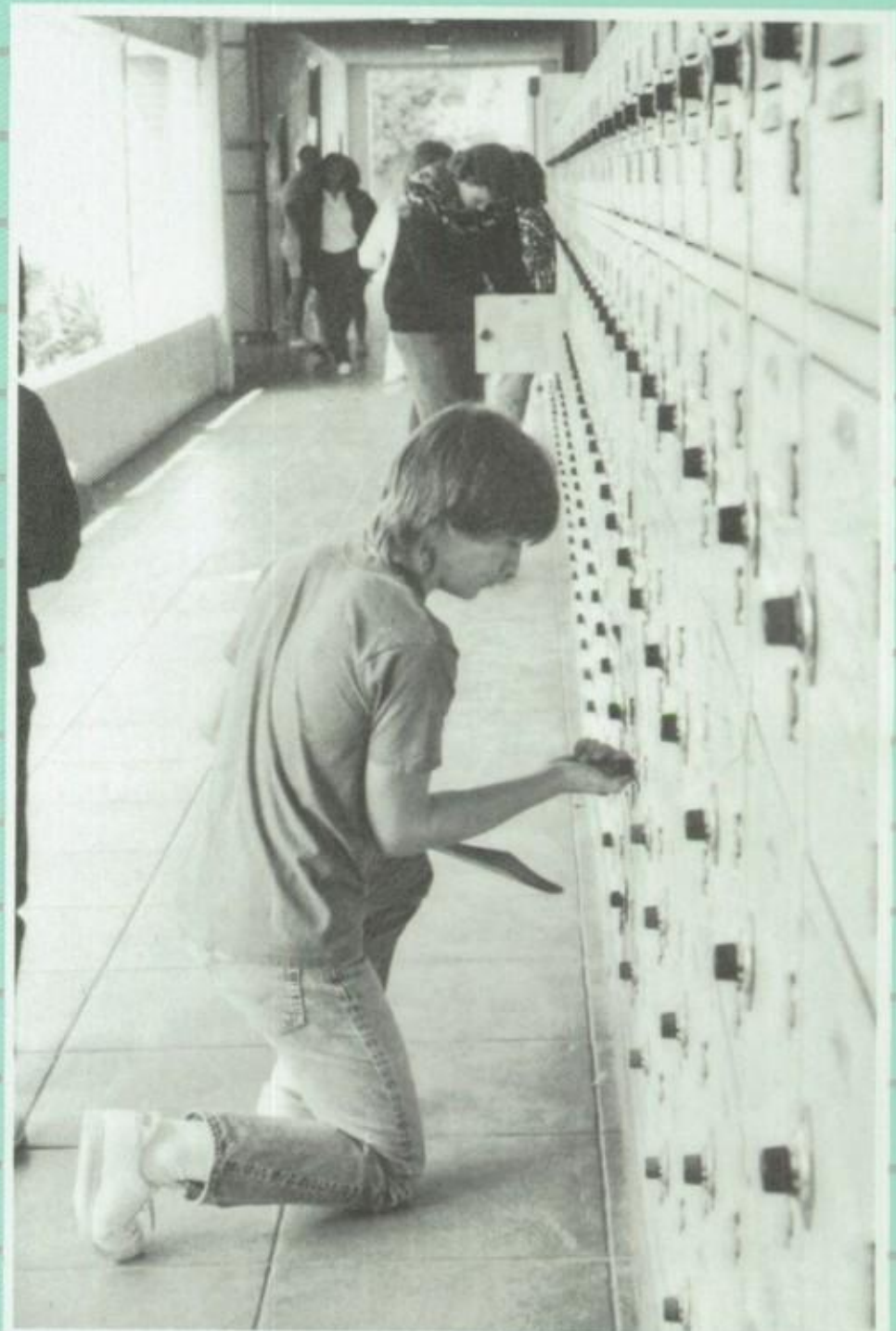
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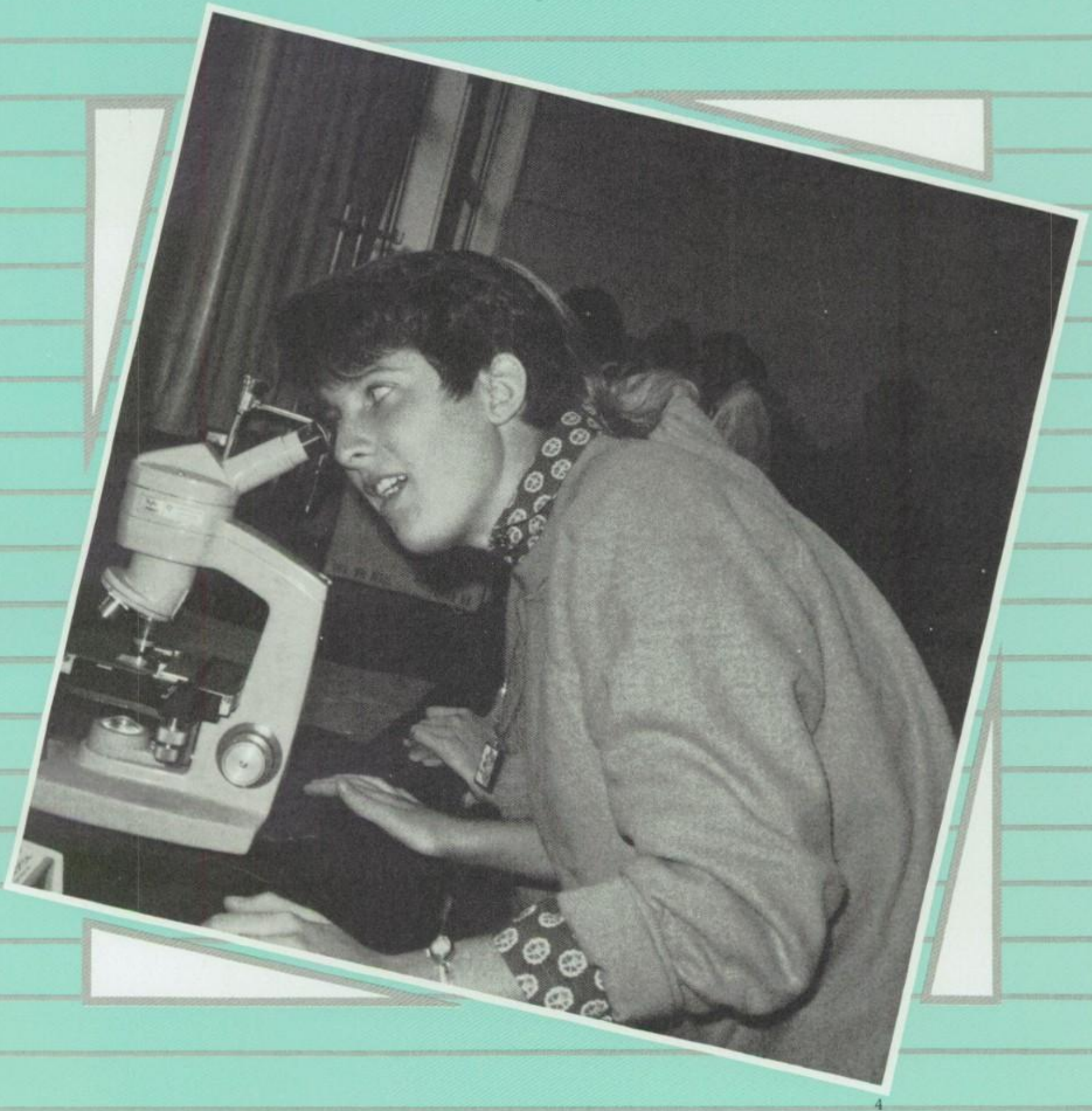
Underclassmen

Getting Ahead On Spirit



1. "Hey, hey, what do you say; no one else can dance like us."
2. Greg Goodspeed goes ape over bananas, during the "Banana Eating Contest", for class competition.
3. One of the many things you do to prepare for class, is to get those books out of your locker.
4. Tami Rekosh observes a prepared slide during an experiment in biology.





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1. Yell leaders Christi Maynard, Shelle Mathis, and Janie Hutchinson show their pride for the Class of 87. 2. The class officers from left to right are: Ryan Cartnal, secretary-treasurer, Tami Handel, vice-president, Robert Kilgore, ex-board representative, and Trina Newman, president. 3. Becky Sapp and Tami Handel finally have time to talk about their day with their friends. 4. Brent "The Coop" Cooper shows his expertise for archery. 5. Melissa Palomo and Lisa Pacheco enjoy their junior year by showing their spirit for the varsity football team.



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Juniors Still Have It

The Class of 87 has always been a spirited class and this year was no exception, especially with the hardworking class officers. As president, Trina Newman had to make many important decisions such as the theme for the prom, where and when the prom should take place, and other fund raisers like the candy sale and the football dance that

the Junior class supported as a whole. Helping Trina were: Tami Handel, vice-president, Ryan Cartnal, secretary-treasurer, and Cassie Ballard, social chairman. Keeping up the spirit of the class during the rallies were yell leaders, Shelle Mathis, Christi Maynard, and Janie Hutchinson.



Junior

Aguilar, George
Aguirre, Laura
Alexander, Lisa
Alvidrez, Richard
Arismendez, Christine



Ashe, Christi
Avalos, Salvador
Ballard, Casaundra
Bergman, Jason
Bernardi, Frank
Bertolucci, Mechelle



Bilyeu, Kimber
Bittleston, Deene
Bolden, Robin
Borda, Juliet
Borda, Robert
Borunda, Billie



Bradley, Jayla
Bradshaw, Randy
Briggs, Michael
Bright, James
Brown, Kelly
Bullard, Dawn



Butcher, Laurie
Campbell, Daniella
Cantu, Marie
Carrillo, Pepe
Cartnal, Ryan
Castellano, Maria



Castellon, Margaret
Castilleja, Oliver
Cavazos, Mario
Cepeda, Sanjuana
Chance, Todd
Coats, Shannon



Cockrell, Anthony
Cole, James
Cooper, Brent
Cordova, Maria
Cortez, Consuelo
Crane, Tammy



Crawford, Gail
Creekmore, Glen
Crow, Leasa
Cuadras, Daniel
Davis, Sonja
Davis, Trini





Delossantos, Anntonett
Dennis, Michelle
Denny, Tim
Dickson, Lynn
Dominguez, Blanca
Driskill, John

Dunnahoe, Jimmy
Eagle, Kimberly
Ellis, Linda
Enns, Stacy
Epperly, John
Escobar, Febe

Eseberre, Luz
Evans, Karri
Fager, Darin
Fanucchi, Robert
Fenderson, Chad
Filkins, Darren

Fixen, Curtis
Flores, Louie
Flores, Martha
Florez, Kris
Floyd, Michelle
Fortuna, Marvin

“And Our Winner Is . . .”

“And announcing Central Valley Ideal Miss and Universal Beauty, Christi Maynard!” Those words became very familiar for an extremely lucky Shafter High student. Christi Maynard had competed extensively for 4 years in many, many beauty pageants across the nation. Participating in beauty pageants was not all glory and glamour. It was a lot of hard work, but with that came many added benefits.

Being in beauty pageants was found to be very time-consuming by Christi. The process of preparing began as much as two months ahead of time. Shopping, practicing a talent, and asking for sponsors were all a big part of Christi's pre-pageant preparations.

A pageant day was a very busy time. There was a personal interview with the judges who were looking at how the contestant conducted herself in a conver-

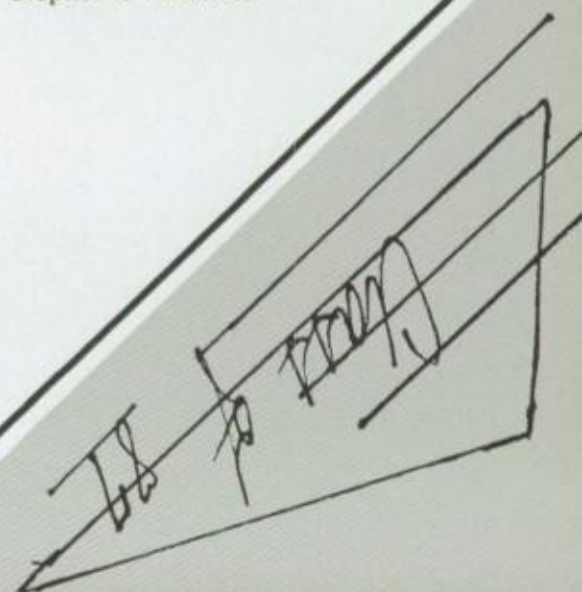
sation. Then, a talent competition which lasted about 30 minutes. After that, the girls modeled in sportswear and a long formal.

Along with the many months of work, there were added benefits to participating in beauty pageants. “Some of the benefits,” Christi remarked, “are you get to meet stunt men, models, actresses, movie producers, and at the World Pageant, even a few stars.” The pageants also allowed Christi to see a bit more of the United States. The various levels of pageants were held in many different states from California to Texas and even Hawaii.

Beauty pageants certainly had a glamour about them. But Christi felt that the friendships she had made, far outweighed the difficulties.



Rochelle Hampton, Christi Maynard,
Stephanie Thrasher.



Foster, Paul
Franze, Tina
Galvan, Ruth
Gamboa, Roger
Gardner, George
Garza, Elisa



Garza, Leticia
Garza, Becky
Gentry, Sandra
Gideon, Brenda
Gomez, Xavier
Gonzales, Arturo



Gonzalez, Anjelica
Gonzalez, Blanca
Gonzalez, Manuel
Gonzalez, Rachel
Gonzalez, Sara
Graciliano, Alfredo



Graciliano, Salvador
Guerrero, Ricky
Hampton, Renee
Handel, Tami
Hemby, Nathaniel
Hernandez, Guadalupe



Future Farmers Tour D.C.

"All in all it was a lot of fun and a very educational experience," replied Becky Sapp, when talking about the National FFA, Future Farmers of America, Convention.

On November 9th, Becky Sapp, Tami Handel, Dennis Utt, Darren Filkins, Kim Handel, Leland Villavazo, and Paul and John Pavletich left for Washington D.C., Mr. Mendes, their advisor, went along with the group as a chaperone.

The group's first stop was in Washington D.C., where they stayed for four days. During that time they were able to see the many historical sights. Some of the attractions were the White House, the Capital building, the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington Cathedral, and others. While up on Capitol Hill, the FFA members were able to have their picture taken with Congressman Bill Thomas.

Their second stop was Kansas City, Missouri. There the group attended the

National FFA Convention. At the convention they were joined by approximately 21,000 other FFA members and guests.

During the convention, sessions were held where guest speakers gave inspiring speeches that gave motivation to the attending FFA members. Some of the speakers were Bart Conners, the famous gymnast who attended the Olympics, and Rocky Blier, a football player for the Pittsburgh Steelers. It was unfortunate that their inspirational stay was only four days long.

The highlight of the convention was the presentation of awards. John Pavletich was one of the honored thirty-three out of seventeen thousand FFA members to receive the American Farmer award.

After the convention they were ready to head home. They arrived home on November 16th, and they felt that the National FFA Convention was well worth the time the group spent there.

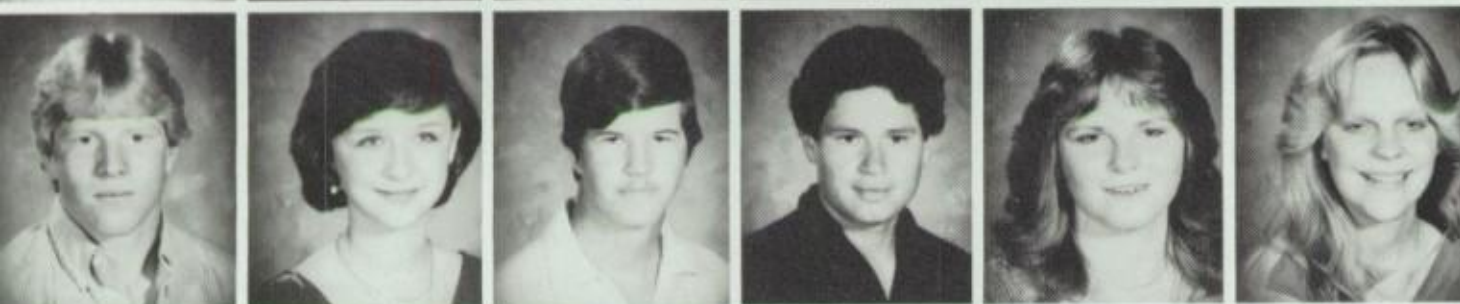
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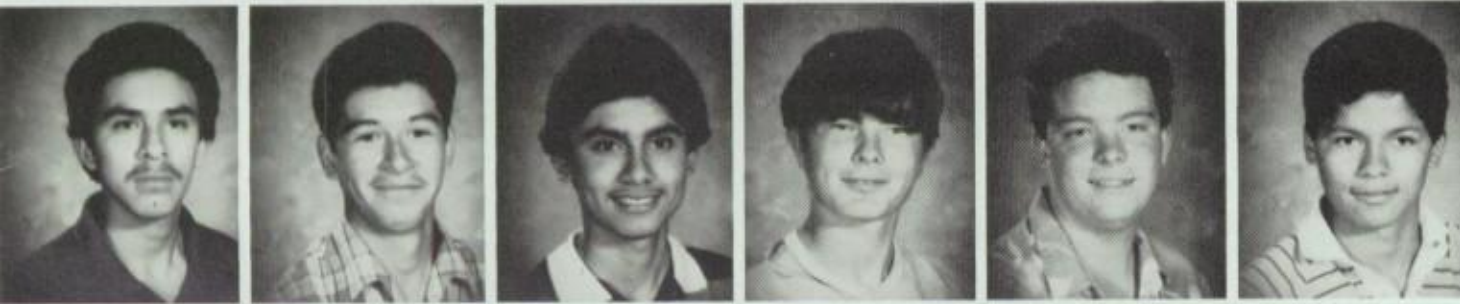
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Larsen, Tricia



Lauderdale, Sherry
Laux, Harold
Lawrence, Guy
Leal, Eleanor
Litke, Beverly
Lopez, Margarita



Lopez, Mario
Lopez, Ramon
Lopez, Steve
Lynn, Earl
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Martinez, Armando
Mathis, Shelle
Maynard, Christi
McCormick, Kenny
McGowen, Jennifer



McNew, Mike
Medrano, Dolores
Miller, Jay
Miller, Melany
Miller, Patrick
Miller, Phil



Mirelez, Junior
Morales, Debbie
Morales, Miriam
Nelson, Ronette
Nevarez, Miriam
New, Ted

Juniors

Newman, Trina
Ochoa, Fabiola
Orr, Jason



Ortiz, Mirelda
Pacheco, Lisa
Paloma, Melissa
Perales, Rosamarie
Porterfield, Ann
Quinn, Karen



Ramay, Tammy
Ramirez, Cynthia
Ramirez, Roberto
Reves, Timothy
Reyes, Luis



Reyna, Ana
Reynolds, Michael
Roach, Ellene
Rodgers, Tasha
Rodriguez, Mark
Rodriguez, Norma



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Rodriguez, Arthur
Rocha, Maria
Rosales, Tina
Ross, Karen
Ruiz, Leticia



Ryan, Jill
Saenz, Monica
Salazar, Jennifer
Sanchez, Veronica
Sanders, Edwin
Sandoval, Milagro



Sapp, Rebecca
Schmidt, Deana
Schonfield, Marilyn
Self, William
Serrano, Juan
Shamblin, Sharon



Shamblin, Wesley
Silliman, Leah
Slade, David
Soliz, Mary
Spencer, Dee
Stewart, Brenda





Stewart, Teresa
Strickland, Joe
Taylor, Greg
Thrasher, Stephanie
Torigiani, Tyan
Torres, Juan

Tracy, Robert
Tudor, Debra
Turner, Edward
Utt, Dennis
Vasquez, Creselda
Velasquez, Sammy

Vontz, Christi
Wadman, Dawn
Walker, Kelly
Waterhouse, Dan
Webb, Clinton
Westbrook, David

Wiggs, Stephanie
Williams, Andre
Wilson, Jill
Wojtalewicz, Angela
Wood, Margo
Worthen, Cheryl

More Than Just Showing Off!

What are you usually doing at 5:00 a.m.? Probably sleeping like every other person. But Tami Handel, one very special Shafter High student, was up getting her horse prepared for a horse show.

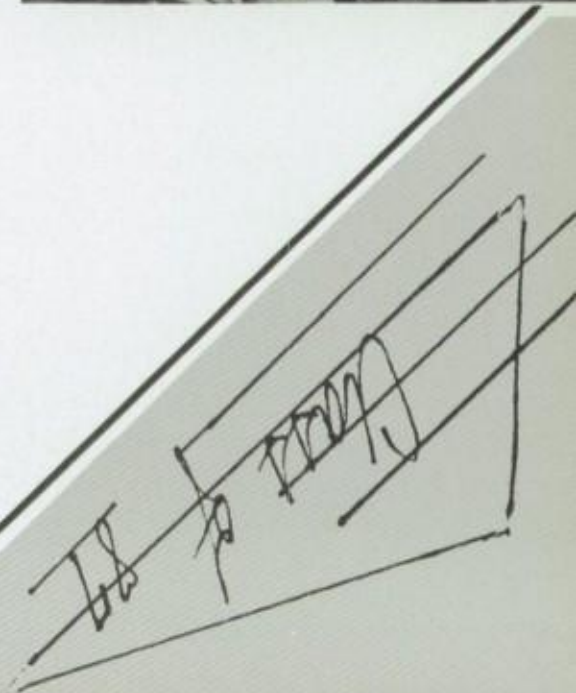
Horse showing appeared to be a glamorous sort of experience on the outside. But the real story was lots and lots of work. Tami, who had been showing for 10 years, described the average schedule before and on the day of a horse show. She said, "We leave for the horse show the day before to get our horses used to the new environment. The show usually starts at 7:00 a.m., so we have to be on the grounds and washing them (the horses) at about 5:00 a.m."

In the horse showing business, there were many opportunities to see and go various places. The cities that Tami had shown in during the APHA (American

Paint Horse Association) circuit were anywhere from Bakersfield, California, to Reno, Nevada, to Denver, Colorado.

There was quite a chance to improve in horse showing. Tami had gone from placing sixth in a walk/jog class at the age of six, to becoming State or Reserve Champion eight times. In 1982, at age thirteen, she was ranked twenty-first in the nation out of 800 kids whose ages were nine through eighteen. That was a considerable improvement in only seven years.

Horse showing was a great way for Tami Handel to do what she loved. It was time consuming and costly, but it offered wonderful chances for improvement and satisfaction.





Getting On Up

When school started, the sophomores were in a position where they weren't exactly upperclassmen, but they weren't freshmen. Like all other classes they had goals and through a survey we found out that some of their goals were to study harder, get ready for the SAT, and have fun.

This ambitious class was led by their class president, Carla Baily, vice-president, Sherri Antongiovianni, secretary, Tara Meeler, social chairmen, Maria Soto, and the executive representative, Julie Escalate, and the yell leaders, Tamara Plumey and Kylee Berg.

The sophomore class found out that as they advanced a year the work load became much harder and more difficult in level. But the greater abundance of work didn't hinder their thirst for getting involved. They became more aware of the activities and the spirit of Shafter High. With this knowledge, they made the spirit greater and helped to make this year one of a kind.

Chris Welty checks in sophomores for club pictures.

Shafter High



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1. One of the requirements for sophomores is two years of science. Most of them take biology to meet this requirement.
2. Social Chairman, Maria Soto; Vice-president, Sherri Antongiovanni; President, Carla Bailey; Secretary, Tara Meeler.
3. Some sophomores take a break during lunch.
4. Carla Bailey talks with some of her junior Friends at lunch.



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20 Ways to Survive

In order to cope in biology ...

- ... get a head cold in February and don't get rid of it till June.
- ... keep a gag bag close at hand.
- ... find a person who loves to stab frogs in the back.
- ... change your daily diet to vegetables.
- ... ask for "dead" specimens.

To pass drivers ed ...

- ... don't hit the old lady on the sidewalk.
- ... believe the teacher when he says the speed limit is only 50mph.
- ... remember your brake is on your left not your right!
- ... remember your teacher is not there for a suicide run.
- ... remember you're in the peaceful streets of Shafter, not the Indy 5000.

To survive p.e. ...

- ... bring a stick up
- ... know the nurse personally or at least by face.
- ... stock up on good excuses
- ... bring your own oxygen tank (if you intend to run the green)
- ... get in shape before P.E. starts.

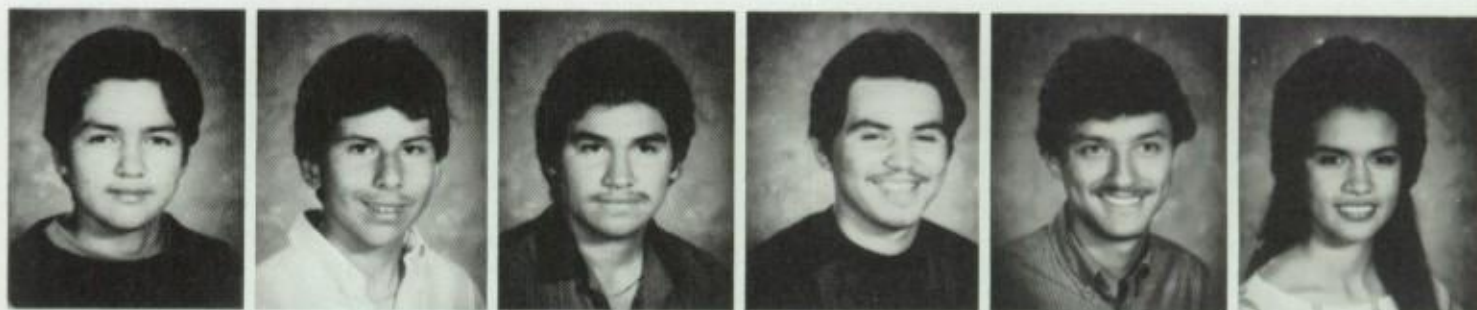
To understand geometry ...

- ... try to hallucinate

... believe there is a thing as logic

- ... keep all suicide materials out of your reach
- ... laugh at any dumb jokes.
- ... learn that the first step in a proof is the given.

Acosta, Alfonso
Aguilera, Tom
Aguirre, Celso
Aguirre, Cruz
Alarcon, Jaime
Albiar, Jessica



Anaya, Victor
Andres, James
Antongiovanni, Sherri
Archer, Jami
Avendano, Gustavo
Bailey, Carla



Barrera, Luciana
Beltran, Elaine
Berg, Kylee
Blair, Josh
Boling, Tracy
Boman, Duane



Bradford, Paul
Brannon, Sean
Brinsfield, Laure
Britt, David
Brown, Raymond
Bucher, Rebecca



Buenrostro, Jose
Buenrostro, Juan
Byrd, Terry
Cade, Joanne
Carrasco, Bibi
Case, Karen





Castilleja, Esmeralda
Castro, Mardie
Cervantes, Marivel
Chacon, Amin
Chacon, Jesus



Cluff, Rebecca
Cobb, Vicki
Coodey, Terry
Cooper, Jo
Corrales, Gabriella



Cox, Corey
Cramer, Erica
Craun, Ben
Crawford, Arthur
Crow, Gerrene



Cummings, Alan
Deleon, Eva
Deleon, Rey
Delozier, Danielle
Deltoro, Ludie



Ducheneaux, Kery
Dunnahoe, Tammatha
Elias, Sandra
Elisondo, Jannie
Ellington, Terri



Sophomores take time out of biology
to have their picture taken.

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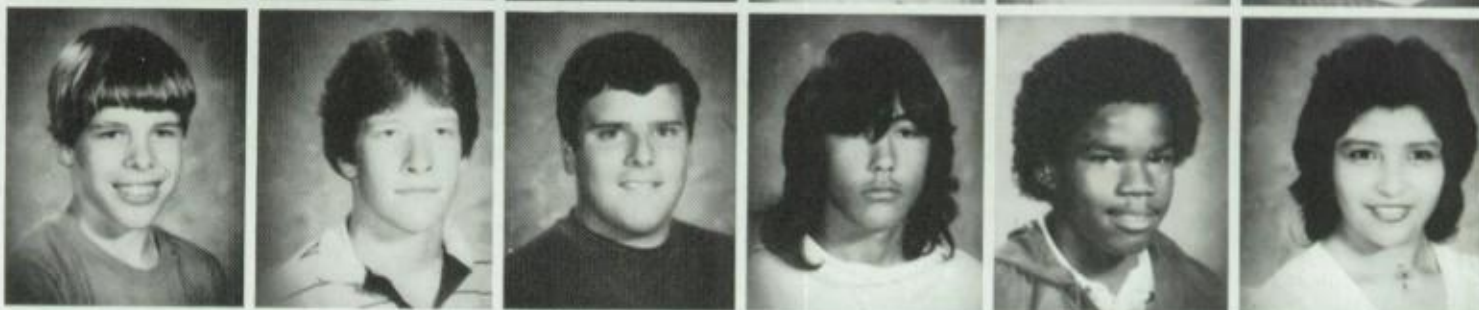
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Evans, Terri
Fain, Stacy



Fernandez, Rogelio
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Flores, Manuel
Flores, Maricela
Flores, Veronica
Flowers, Connie



Forehand, Mark
Fowler, Mark
Franceschi, Michael
Franco, Luciano
Gamble, Loyd
Garcia, Leticia



Garcia, Stacy
Garcia, Steve
Garza, Efrain
Garza, Ernest
Garza, Maricela
Garza, Oscar



Gates, Larry
Gilbert, Richard
Gomez, Baldmar
Gomez, Pablo
Gonzales, Roselinda
Gonzalez, Filberto



Sophomores React

During the month of November, the California State University trustees added to the system's freshman admission requirements. Those new standards which were 4 years of English, 3 years of mathematics, one year of U.S. History, one year of lab science, two years of foreign language, one year of visual and performing arts, and three years of college preparatory electives, would go into effect in the 1988 school year.

This meant that students who were sophomores and freshmen would have to have taken fifteen courses before they graduated from high school.

With that move, university officials hoped to reduce the freshman dropout rate. In general, many sophomores at Shafter High thought, "If students plan to attend college, they should meet these

requirements so they'll be ready to set out to college and stay there, not drop-out."

Good study habits, or lack of them, seemed to be the problem. An average high school student spent 20 hours a week studying, but an average college student needed to spend at least 40 hours studying a week. Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds said the new standards "will get the message out to the high schools and to the parents."

Jentry Simpson, a sophomore at Shafter said, "I think it's all right because if you work harder in high school, you'll be smarter and pass college."

Only 9 percent of last year's college freshmen qualified for the new entry standards. During the sophomore survey in November Chris Terrell wrote, "I feel

Sophomores

Requirements

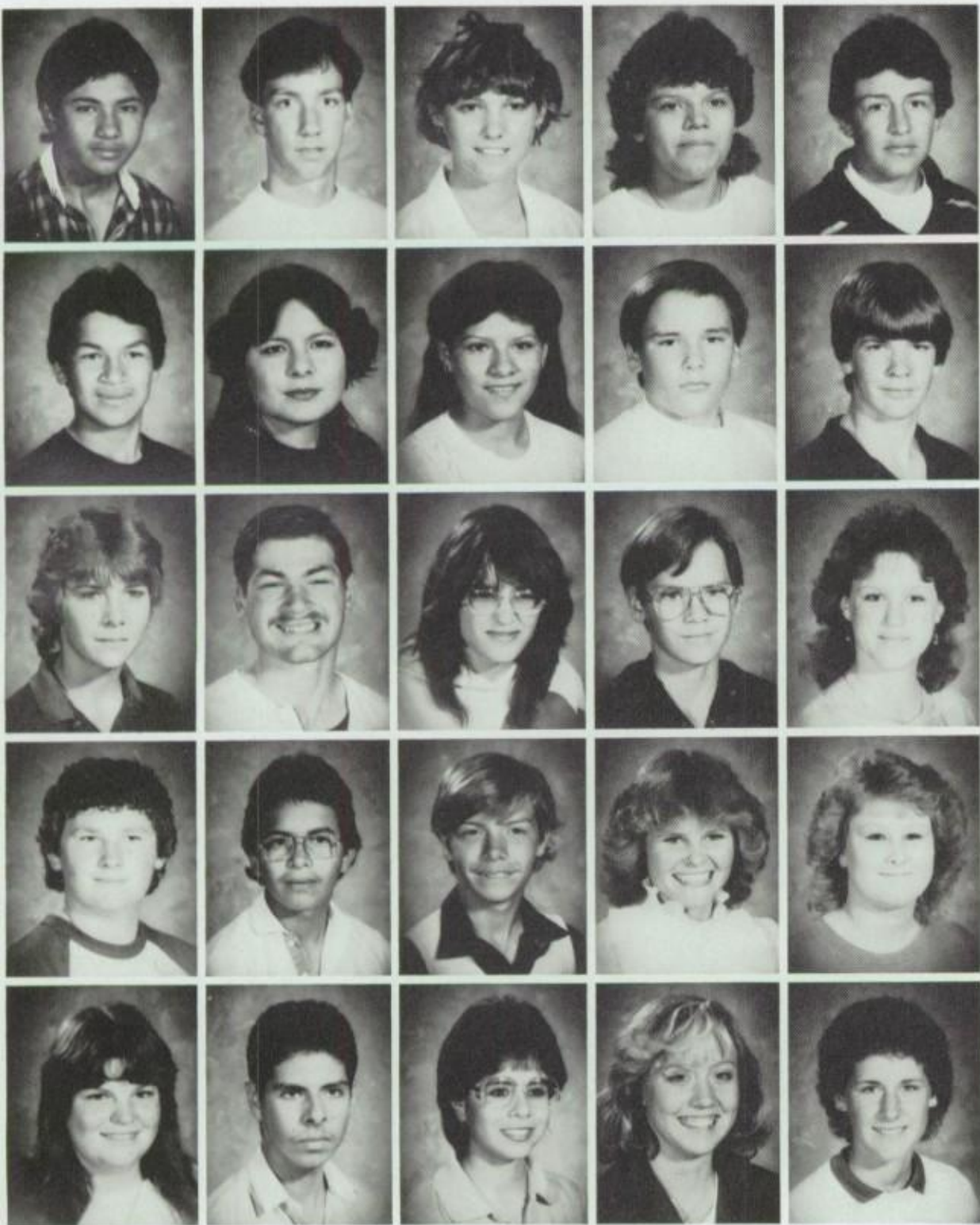
15 Courses

English 4 History 1
 Crafts MATHEMATICS #3 Music 1
 Art DRAMA
 Foreign Language 2 SCIENCE

that the dropout rate in college could rise at first, but it will be better in the long run."

The sophomores had many views which were similar to, "School is hard enough and now the Cal State trustees tell us if we want to go to a Cal State University we'll have to work harder. It just isn't fair."

All that the new standards were saying was that one had to work harder. The advantage was that one would be better prepared for success at the college level.



Gonzalez, Jose
 Goodspeed, Greg
 Grider, Shandawn
 Guerra, Rachel
 Gutierrez, Carlos

Gutierrez, Santiago
 Guzman, Esmeralda
 Guzman, Guadalupe
 Hamilton, Neal
 Hancock, Steven

Harke, Laura
 Harris, Anthony
 Haselden, Laura
 Haworth, David
 Hemby, Joann

Henning, Tony
 Hernandez, Ernie
 Herrod, Alfred
 Hickey, Christine
 Hight, Regina

Hill, Charlene
 Hiriarte, Fernando
 Hiriarte, Patricia
 Holtschulte, Robin
 Hooge, Traci

Keeping Busy!!!

Being a student at Shafter High was a challenge with the classes, teachers, and homework; but when all that was combined with ballet, piano, and tennis lessons during the school week, Andrea Selvidge had a very busy sophomore year.

Andrea attended ballet, piano, and tennis every week. With such a hectic schedule did Andrea ever want to stop? "I've grown up with ballet, piano, and school since I was six years old. If I ever dropped any of my activities, something wouldn't be right in my life." By looking at Andrea during school, involved with everything from English to playing in the band, her life seemed to be "right."

The sophomore year was probably one of the hardest because of biology and driver's education, but Andrea still en-

joyed her sophomore year. "My favorite subject was English and my favorite teacher was Mr. Kern, my English teacher. The reason I liked English so much was not wholly because of Mr. Kern, but because I like writing."

Which class did Andrea especially find challenging? "I felt that geometry was super hard because it involves logic, but Mr. Grayson explained it well, so I could cope with it."

Andrea took all college preparation classes during her sophomore year. What did she intend to do during her years at Shafter High? "I want to receive a good education so I can later attend a college. Sometimes I want to be a prosecuting attorney." When Andrea is older, she'd also like to be novelist during her spare time.

Hoover, Bonnie
Howze, Kevin
Hutchinson, Rob
Jara, Michael
Johnson, Eric
Johnson, Tanya

Jones, Phillip
Kloeppel, Brad
Kneisley, Bobby
Laughlin, Jennifer
Lindsey, Jackie
Lopez, Jose

Lopez, Marivel
Love, Andrew
Loya, Gilbert
Lucas, Michael
Luna, George
Lynch, Stacey

Maldonado, Anna
Martinez, Bryan
Martinez, Rosabel
Maynard, Mattie
Maynard, Michelle
Medina, Stevie

Medrano, Lorenza
Medrano, Lorraine
Meeler, Tara
Mettler, Jill
Metzker, Jimmy
Miller, Olen





Mitzner, Angie
Mitzner, Corey
Moncur, Jennete
Montoya, Mary
Moore, Cory



Moore, William
Mora, Cristina
Moreno, Lisa
Mosley, Robert
Nichols, Robert



Nickel, Kathy
O'Brien, Edward
Perez, Sergio
Pierce, Tina
Plumley, Tamara



Pompa, Maria
Porter, Laura
Portillo, Catalina
Ramirez, Gloria
Regier, Deanne



Rekosh, Tami
Reyes, Gilbert
Sylvia, Reyes
Reynolds, Laura
Rickman, Valerie

Shafter High is a small school and Andrea said that is what she especially liked about it. "It's small enough so that everyone is familiar with everyone else."

"I considered my sophomore year as important as my senior year will be. There are steps on a ladder and being a sophomore is just one of them."

Class of 88

Rios, Andres
Rodriguez, Beverly
Rodriguez, Synthia
Rodriguez, Greg
Rodriguez, Norma
Rodriguez, Ramiro



Ruiz, Priscilla
Ruiz, Robert
Rumsey, Denise
Salinas, Rolando
Samarripas, Rachel
Sanchez, Susana



Sandoval, Elsy
Scheff, Tonia
Scoggins, Heath
Selvidge, Andrea
Serna, Alfonso
Sherman, Sharon



Simpson, Jentry
Smith, Heather
Smith, Joe
Soto, Maria
Steele, Kirsty
Stepp, Monica



Stinnett, Mark
Stracener, Shelly
Strickland, Theresa
Suarez, Aleida
Terrell, Chris
Thomas, Chantel



Your Life's Career

Career planning? This was something many people hadn't thought of. But one thing was for sure; there was no better time to start than in high school. You might've even thought ahead to college; career training, or a full time job.

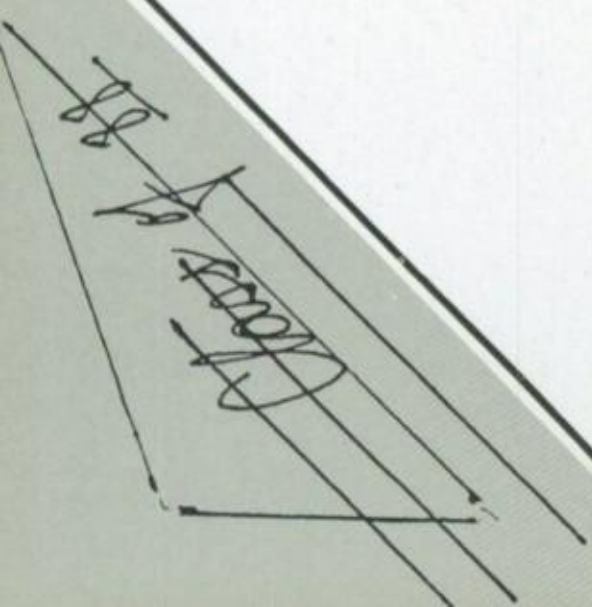
The first thing that needed to be realized was that colleges and universities were not trying to overwhelm you with unnecessary requirements. The messages that those tough requirements were trying to say was, "Don't get behind in the system; stay ahead."

The requirements were proposed to help students succeed beyond high school. A survey showed that over 80% of the sophomores intended to go to junior college and 60% of the students agreed with the proposed Cal States entrance requirements. Those requirements asked the students to increase the

school working average, which meant more English, mathematics, foreign languages, and sciences.

A survey was sent out to schools all over the country. The purpose of this survey was to find out how many students were successful right out of school. The results of the survey were quite surprising. On the average the people who were fairly successful were the ones who got involved in extra curricular activities. They were the well rounded people who learned to socialize and succeed in the real world. They were not necessarily the straight A students.

Career planning was not easy, but getting involved and taking good classes might get you ahead.





Sophomores



Thompson, Kelly
Toretta, Tommy
Torres, Irma
Torres, Jesus
Torres, Luis



Valdez, Jose
Vasquez, Salvador
Velasquez, Mary
Villarreal, Georgina
Villerreal, Norma



Villerreal, Victor
Warren, Andrea
Warren, Mark
Waters, Wade
Welty, Christine



Whitbey, Russell
Whitworth, Buffie
Williams, Michael
Wilson, Marta
Wilson, Rachel



Wilson, Samuel
Wilson, Seth
Wojtalewicz, Tammy
Wytt, Gabriel



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1. The freshmen Yell Leaders pose for a picture. They are: Andrea Plaza, Tanya Barton, and Leticia Gonzales.

2. Summer Spohn takes a break to talk on the phone.

3. The freshmen class officers are: Kristi Krause and Stacie Foote, Ex. Board Reps.; Susan Gonzalez, Social Chairman; Gretchen Handel, Secretary; Linda Martinez, Vice Preident; Stephanie Tracy, President.

4. The freshmen perform their winning skit during a rally, to the song "California Girls", by the Beach Boys.



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They Have It All

Over the school year they learned many new skills. They not only learned how to solve equations, how to write poems and how Columbus sailed the ocean blue (1492), but also they learned that their small size and agility enabled them to squeeze in and out of the lunch line before the bell rang. Oh, yea! Can't forget the biggest thing they mastered, the art of going in and out of garbage cans! The upper classmen have never seen this done so well. The upper classmen would like to say, "Congratulations" for a job well done.

Does the number "270" sound like a shock to you? It did for many of the upper classmen, when they found out that this astonishing number was the population of freshmen. This was the largest class ever seen at Shafter High. They made up about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the whole student body. The "Big Seniors" were really jolted by the fact that they were outnumbered 2 to 1 by the freshmen class.

The freshmen class officers: President - Stephanie Tracy, Vice President

- Linda Martinez, Secretary - Gretchen Handel, Social Chairman - Susan Gonzalez, Ex. Board Reps. - Stacy Foote and Kristi Krause, with the help of their advisors: Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Larson (Chairman) and Mr. Gallington, held their annual candy bar sale. The class worked hard to raise money which would be used to sponsor their Junior Prom.

"89"! "89"! "89"! was the little chant you heard during rallies. Their yell leaders Tanya Barton, Leticia Gonzales and Andrea Plaza really supported them during many different events. The freshmen class was chosen the most spirited class of the 1985-86 school year.

Overall, the freshmen had a very exciting year as well as experiencing many new things. They found out that being a freshmen wasn't as bad as they thought it would be.



Freshmen Lead

Freshmen provided a new zing to the Shafter High School rally spirit. They enthusiastically attended the rallies and demonstrated their spirit by yelling, screaming, and chanting their graduating year "89," "89", "89", "89."

A highlight of the Kern Valley rally occurred when the freshmen proved they could compete with other classes for spirit points with their "California girls" skit. With a song by the Beach Boys and wild orchid-covered surfwear, the freshmen group provided side splitting entertainment for the rest of the school. They carried the whole thing out without laughing and running off stage. The skit participants surprised everyone when the girls, Stefanie Tracy, Joanna Romanini, Ena Williams, and Vicki Vontz, assumed the role of beach bums while the boys, Tim Dobbs, Terry Morland, and Keith Ringer, donned the latest in beach bunny wear, including chest inflaters. Their efforts were rewarded

with a first place prize.

They won other rally competitions in spirit points and made their presence known at football games and other school functions.

From listening to the freshmen around school, it was clear that they planned to raise the average level of their screaming and cheering at least a few decibels.

Those kids were so spirited that all of the others were envious, causing the whole school to join in with the yelling and cheering to avoid the embarrassment of losing to the freshmen class. This led to an overall excitement in the school and Shafter again was a leader in spirit with the freshmen showing the way.

Acosta, Christopher
Agustin, Sarah
Aleman, Felipe



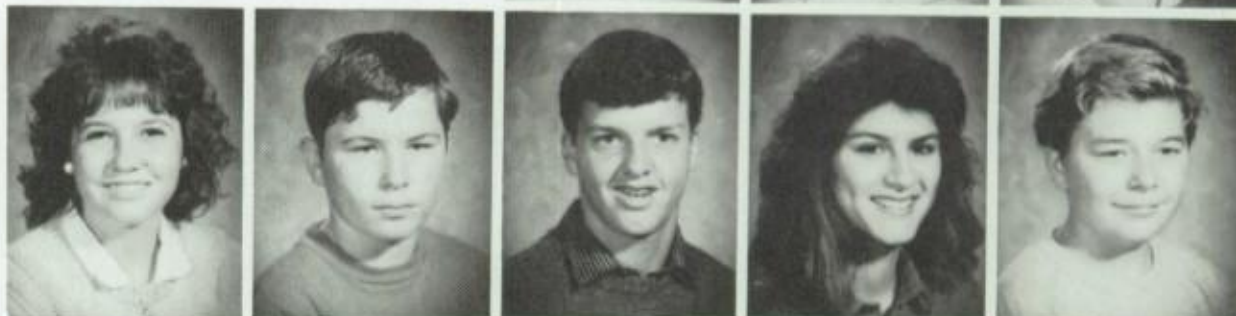
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Bailey, Denna



Ballard, Edward
Barrett, Beverly
Barton, Tanya



Bender, Tina
Bilyeu, Tige
Bloemhof, David
Boatwright, Sheila
Bogan, David





Bogie, Darren
 Bolden, Chris
 Borunda, Joseph
 Branch, Joey
 Bright, Bill
 Brisher, Charlene



Brooks, Tim
 Brown, Tom
 Bruce, Ammee
 Bulaga, Mary
 Byrd, Mike
 Cano, Marivette



Carrasco, Mathew
 Carrasco, Trish
 Cartnal, Carin
 Castilleja, Eddie
 Castilleja, Nilda
 Cauley, Jason



Chacon, Otoniel
 Chance, Scott
 Cheatwood, Clayton
 Clark, Chad
 Clayton, Jeff
 Cloud, T.



Cordero, Ricky
 Cordova, Jose
 Cortez, Stephanie
 Crawford, Jennifer
 Cummings, Virginia
 De La Rosa, Lilia



De Los Santos, Melissa
 Deltoro, Cesar
 Denney, Ivan
 Diaz, Lydia
 Dobbs, Timothy
 Dominguez, Adolfo



Dunlap, Trina
 Echols, Greg
 Edgmon, Kevin
 Elisondo, Jr., Benajmin
 Ellis, Kimberly
 Encinas, Reinalda



Escalante, Maria
 Escalante, Miguel
 Esquivel, Francisco
 Everett, Chad

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Firkins, Kevin
 Flores, Theresa
 Floyd, Shane
 Folkert, Jenny
 Foote, Stacie
 Funk, Jamie



Gamboa, Michael
 Garcia, Abel
 Garcia, Armida
 Garcia, Deliah
 Garcia, Joel
 Gardner, Stephen



Garza, Belinda
 Garza, Daniel
 Garza, Isabel
 Garza, Maria
 Geffs, Donald
 Gomez, Beatrice



Gonzales, Jeni
 Gonzales, Brenda
 Gonzalez, Irma
 Gonzalez, Jose
 Gonzalez, Leticia
 Gonzalez, Manuel



Gonzalez, Marisa
 Gonzalez, Susan
 Green, Ian
 Grove, Jennifer
 Guerrero, Paul
 Gutierrez, Edelmiro



Gutierrez, Junior
 Hall, Christian
 Hall, Johnita
 Hampton, Rachelle
 Handle, Gretchen
 Haddox, Eric



Harmer, Cheryl
 Harris, LaDonna
 Heinsohn, Kari
 Hernandez, Benita
 Hernandez, Thomas
 Herrod, Pamela



Hickman, Shelia
 Hill, Bradley
 Hill, John
 Houston, Treniece



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Goals Expressed

As a class what do you expect to accomplish in the next three years at Shafter High?

Sarah Archez - To finish high school and be more spirited.

Stephanie Cortez - To get ready for college.

Keith Ringer - Have a good time and I would love to graduate.

Anne Maldonado - I expect to learn the most I can learn.

Matt Carrasco - Nothing.

Cesar Villarreal - Make honor roll every year.

Mark Romanini - To become well educated.

Felisa Patino - To be ready to go to college.

Rachael Pacheco - To top out on the CAP test.

Kari Heinsohn - Have the least amount of dropouts in our class.

Jim Torigiani - Have the varsity football team make Valley champs.

Stephen Gardner - Not to flunk any classes.

Cheryl Harmer - Everything.

Beth Nalle - To learn.



Howard, Erik
Howard, Matt
Howard, Nikol



Hurst, Keith
Jackson, Jennifer
Jara, Michelle



Jimenez, Victor
Keeton, Buffee
Kelley, Jimmy



Kennon, Kristal
Kilgore, Eddy
Komin, Michael
Krause, Kristian
Lemmons, Darren

Freshmen

Lerma, Herman
Lilly, Danny
Link, Lisa
Little, Brian



Livingston, Noelani
Long, Kaylene
Lopez, Mary
Lundy, Angelique
Manos, Michael
Marler, Matt



Marquez, Elva
Marroquin, Beatriz
Martinez, Chris
Martinez, Linda
Mathis, Katrina
Maxwell, Craig



Mendoza, Angela
Meyerhoff, Michael
Millwee, Jana
Montoya, Hector
Montoya, Jessica
Morales, William



Morgan, Tonia
Morland, Terry
Munoz, Diana
Nalle, Bethany
Nickelsen, Nona
Nieto, Corina



Nixon, Bryan
Nottingham, James
Ortiz, Consuelo
Ott, Ian
Pacheco, Rachel
Pacheco, Renee



Page, Kerry
Painter, Tammy
Panici, Mary
Parish, Chris
Patino, Felisa
Patrick, Cari



Payne, Kristie
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Perez, Mario
Phillips, Rhonda
Pimental, Maria
Ping, Kim





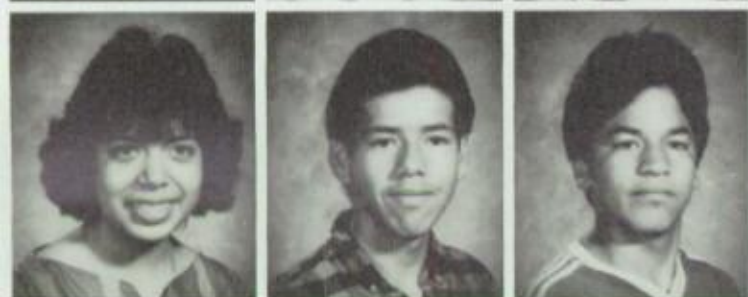
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Ramirez, Mariana



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Reyes, Edith



Ringer, D.
Rios, Maria
Rodriguez, Adela



Rodriguez, Eliza
Rodriguez, Jesse
Rodriguez, Joe

Traumas Disclosed

What was the first traumatic thing that happened to you when you came to Shafter High?

Vicki Vontz - I was asked to dance by a geek!

Kerry Page - I couldn't find my class; in other words, I got lost.

Cullen Pressley - I couldn't play football because of a bad knee.

Matt Howard - My report card got sent home.

Eric Buerkle - I broke my leg.

Kristen Zachary - Mr. Salamacha took me snipe hunting.

Summer Spohn - I went snipe hunting

with Mr. Salamacha twice!

Terry Morland - I lost my chest inflaters in the skit.

Chad Clark - I entered my first period class on the first day of school.

Erik Howard - I got canned.

Alan Torrigiani - I lost the lock for my football locker.

Stacie Foote - I went to the wrong set of lockers and was trying to open it and the guy it belonged to was standing behind me laughing.

Eddie Ballard - I racked up my ankle skating and couldn't play in the Wasco game.

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Frosh Fantasize

If you could change one thing about being a freshman, what would it be?

Tim Dobbs - "Freshmen would rule and have more respect."

Kristen Krause - "Be a sophomore."

Tanya Barton - "For everyone to give the freshmen more respect, because without freshmen there would be no upperclassmen."

Andrea Plaza - "To have more power."

Chris Parish - "My classes."

Erik Howard - "To be a senior."

Kristie Payne - "The upper classmen should look up to us, because we are not as dumb as they think we are."

Angelique Lundy - "People should have more respect for us."

Rodriguez, Josefa
Rodriguez, Lisa
Rodriguez, Rosana



Rohrbach, Amy
Rohrbach, Lisa
Romanini, Joanna



Romanini, Mark
Rosales, Stefanie
Ruiz, Christopher



Saldana, Joseph
Sanchez, Elizabeth
Sanchez, Gabriel
Sanders, Kenneth
Sandoval, Olga





Sharp, Audrea
Shineflew, Tommy
Sifuentes, Marco
Soliz, Hector
Spohn, Summer
Stanley, Derik



Sudaria, Jeff
Sutton, Jennifer
Thomas, Brian
Tiffany, Heather
Torigiani, Jim
Torres, Adrienne



Torres, Jose
Torres, Norma
Torres, Oscar
Torres, Rigoberto
Torrighiani, Alan
Tovar, Joshua



Tracy, Stephanie
Triplett, Pamilla
Truman, Joy
Tuck, Sonya
Tye, Jerry
Valdez, Petra



Vanhorn, Jason
Vargas, Jesus
Velarde, Medie
Vieira, Michael
Villa, Nora
Villarreal, Cesar



Villarreal, Fabian
Vontz, Vicki
Watson, Cordell
Westbrook, Nancy
Whitbey, Joe
White, Nicole



Whygle, Tammy
Wilkerson, James
Williams, Ena
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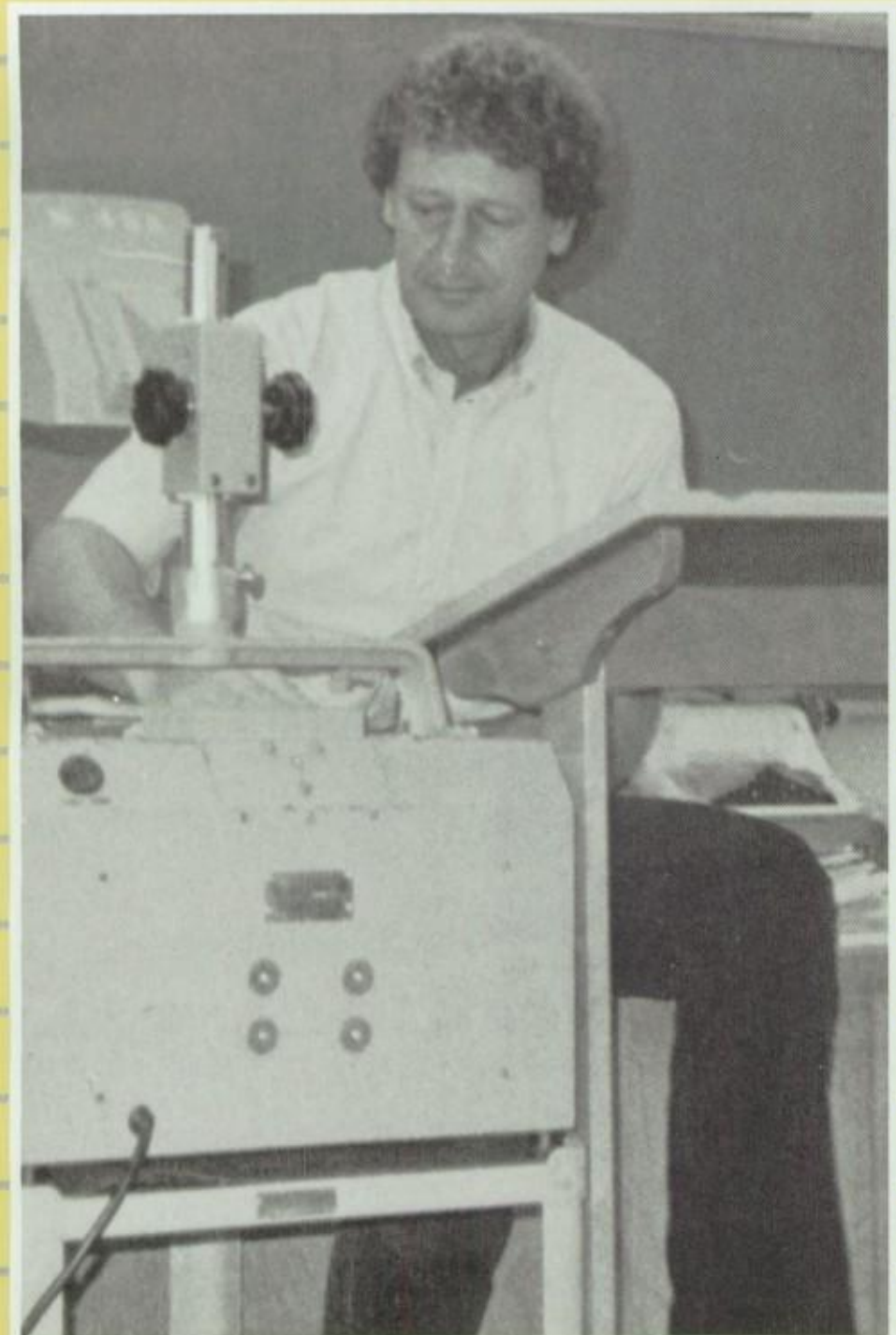
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Faculty	98
Aides and Secretaries	102
Cafeteria and Custodians	104
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We've Got It Together In . . .

Academics



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1. Mrs. Nobles and Mrs. Bergman get involved in school spirit by dressing up on Halloween.
2. Mr. Fortenberry eagerly helps one of his students.
3. Mr. Grayson is known throughout Shafter High for his technique of using an overhead projector.
4. Mrs. Janzen enjoys taking care of Shafter High's Financing Department.

On Top of Things



The close of each year brings feelings of accomplishment, but the 1985-86 school year has been something special. Our students have experienced the sensation of victory in many areas and they have achieved much more than they set out to gain. Congratulations for the many successes in the academic areas and for the great victories on the athletic field.

Only a short time ago our Seniors came to this school as freshmen to form a new class, just as students came together as Freshmen in many other high schools. There was one big difference. Shafter High students immediately set out to become members of a winning team and through hard work and determination they accomplished their goal. They produced a quality of individuality that strengthened all of us.

Thanks for taking pride in your school and for all of your efforts in making our school the kind of place that parents and the community can point to with pride. If you carry the spirit of Shafter High with you, I'm sure you will enjoy the future as much as we have enjoyed having you on campus during your high school years.

Thank you for the great cooperation you have given us and for making Shafter High a wonderful place to work. Good luck and best wishes to all of you.

Herb Neufeld



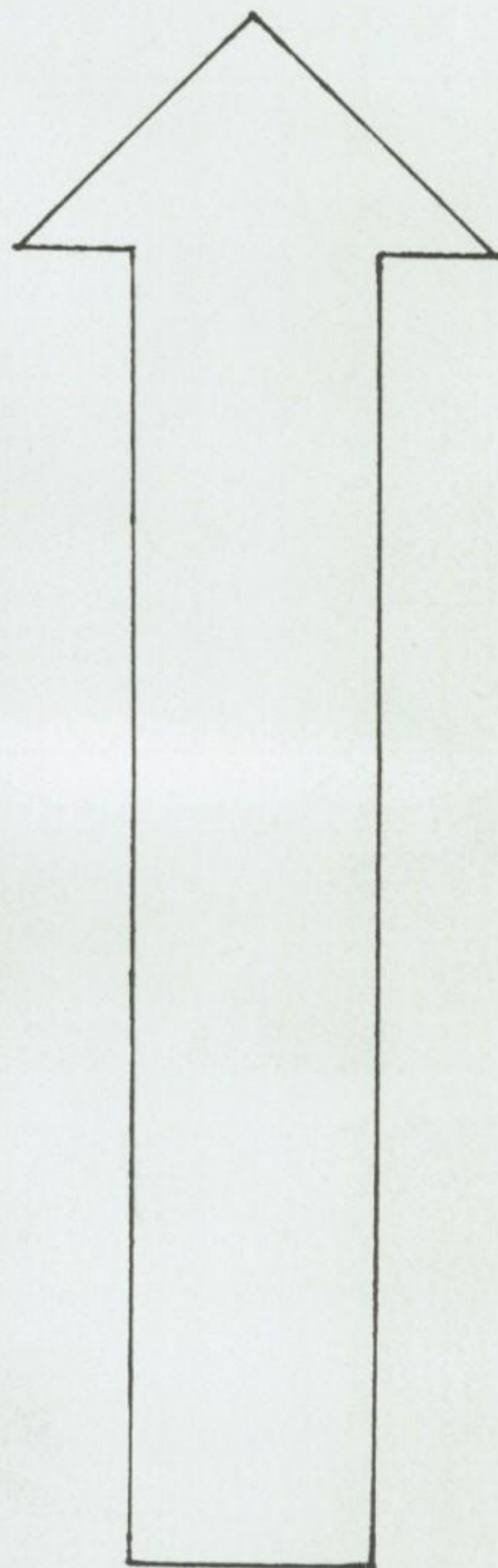
They Call The Shots



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1. Dr. Neufeld looks over some important papers concerning Shafter High.
2. Dr. Neufeld makes daily plans with Mrs. Olsen in the office.
3. Dr. Neufeld.
4. Superintendent, Don Murfin
5. (top) David Stanton (pres.), Brent Casper (vice-pres.), Ken Secor, (bottom) Fred Starrh, Earle Gibbons (clerk) Kern High School Dist. Board of Trustees.

SHS Looks Forward

Critser, Harry - Opportunity
 Davisson, Marvin - Dean of Students
 De Vera, John - Eng.
 Eiden, Carole - Eng., Publications



Fortenberry, Judy - Eng.
 Fortenberry, Radon - Social Studies
 Fowler, Gary - Social Studies
 Gallington, Ron - Math



14 million dollars! That's how much in funds the Kern High School District has for the redevelopment of schools. Shafter High itself will receive 2.5 million dollars which will go to the construction of a new gymnasium.

Other schools will also receive money for redevelopment. East, as well as Shafter, will also plan for the construction of a new gym.

The gym, which will seat approximately 1,600 people, will provide equal facilities for both boys and girls. It will be located east of the present gym and north of the Crafts Building. The building will hopefully allow for a covered walkway between the two gyms.

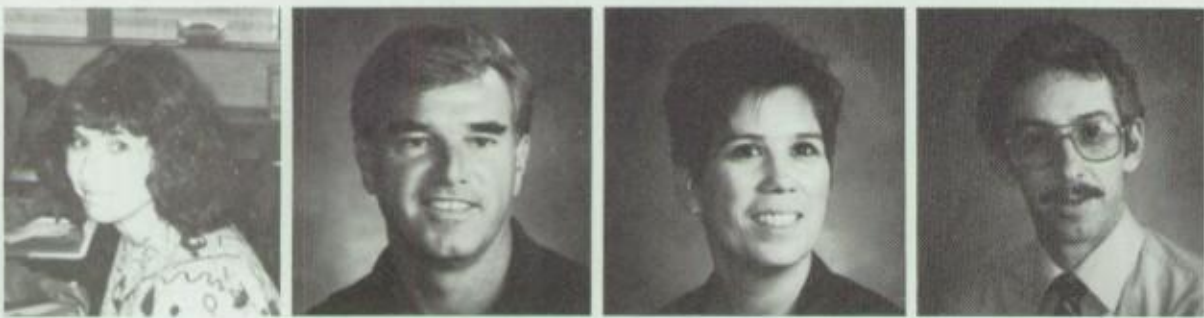
The new gym may also provide an excellent wrestling room and separate locker rooms for athletes. The gym will more than likely contain air conditioning and heating and have an adjoining parking lot to hold approximately 100 more cars.

Having the two gyms, Shafter hopes to sponsor volleyball and basketball tournaments in the future for the high schools around the county. The present

To a New Gym



Gibson, John - Asst. Principal
Grayson, Larry - Math
Griebing, Mike - Science
Hamilton, Denise - Special Ed.



Hays, Barbara - English
Hood, Rick - Social Studies
Hurley, Cindy - Special Ed.
Hutchinson, Mike - Band

gym might be used as a practice gym and the present wrestling room could be used as a weight room.

Plans and ideas are coming from Morrow Bay High School and San Luis Obispo High School. The plans began to develop during January and construction was scheduled to start in April of 1987 with completion on scheduled for the fall of 1988. The design committee consisted of Mr. Rekosh, Mr. Gibson, Dr. Neufeld, and all of the P.E. teachers as well as all the athletic coaches.

The idea of the new gym and parking areas came from a school population growth forecast of 1,200 students by 1989 compared to the present 850 students currently attending Shafter High. Dr. Neufeld, along with the students and faculty of Shafter High, really look forward with enthusiasm to the construction of our new gymnasium.

1. Mr. Rekosh and Dr. Neufeld take another look at the proposed gym plan.
2. Dr. Neufeld and Mr. Rekosh review the site for the new gym.

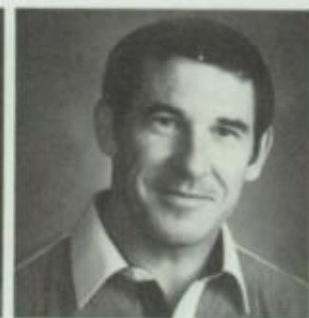


A Great New Combination

Jackson, Frieda - Foreign Lang., Library
Kern, Gary - Social Studies
Larson, George - Social Studies, Drivers Ed.
Loewen, Donald - English



Martens, Laura - Home Ec.
Martinez - Meeler, Kathy - MESA Coord.,
Counselor
Matis, Kalman - Photo, Crafts, Art
McCoy, Ben - Typing, Bus. Ed.



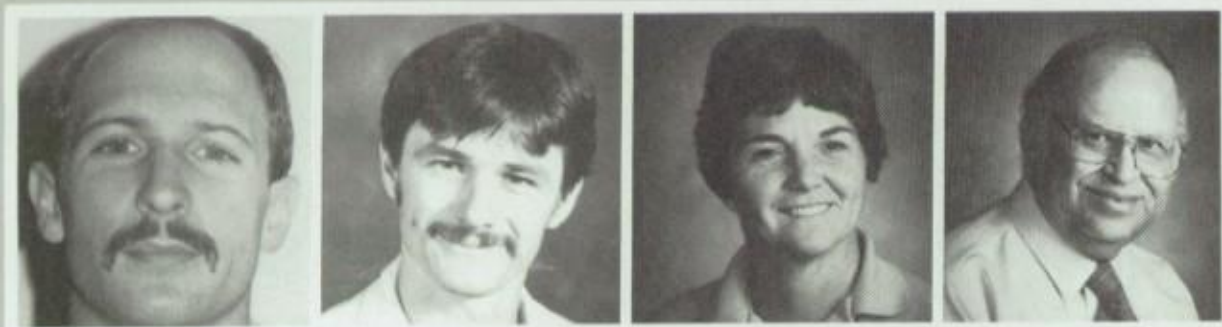
Experience was the key to the four new additions to our staff. Among the four new faculty members were Mr. Griebing, Mr. McKinney, and Mr. Hood, who were teachers. Our new sophomore counselor was Mr. Miranda.

Here at Shafter High School, Mr. Griebing taught physical science. Before coming to Shafter he taught for four years in McFarland. Mr. Griebing stated that he enjoyed working with people.

Another new faculty member at Shafter High was Mr. McKinney, who taught ninth and tenth grade P.E. and was Shafter's wrestling and track coach. Before coming to Shafter he taught at Mercer High School. Mr. McKinney said that he wanted to help influence the students he taught in the right direction and to teach them how to be successful.

Mr. Hood taught social studies and history to the ninth and tenth grade and coached the line backers on Shafter's varsity football team. Before coming to Shafter, Mr. Hood taught in Torrance, California. When asked what made him

Came To Shafter High



McKinney, Rick - Phys. Ed.
Mendes, Ralph - Ag.
Miller, Carolyn - Phys. Ed.
Miranda, Rudy - ROP, Counselor



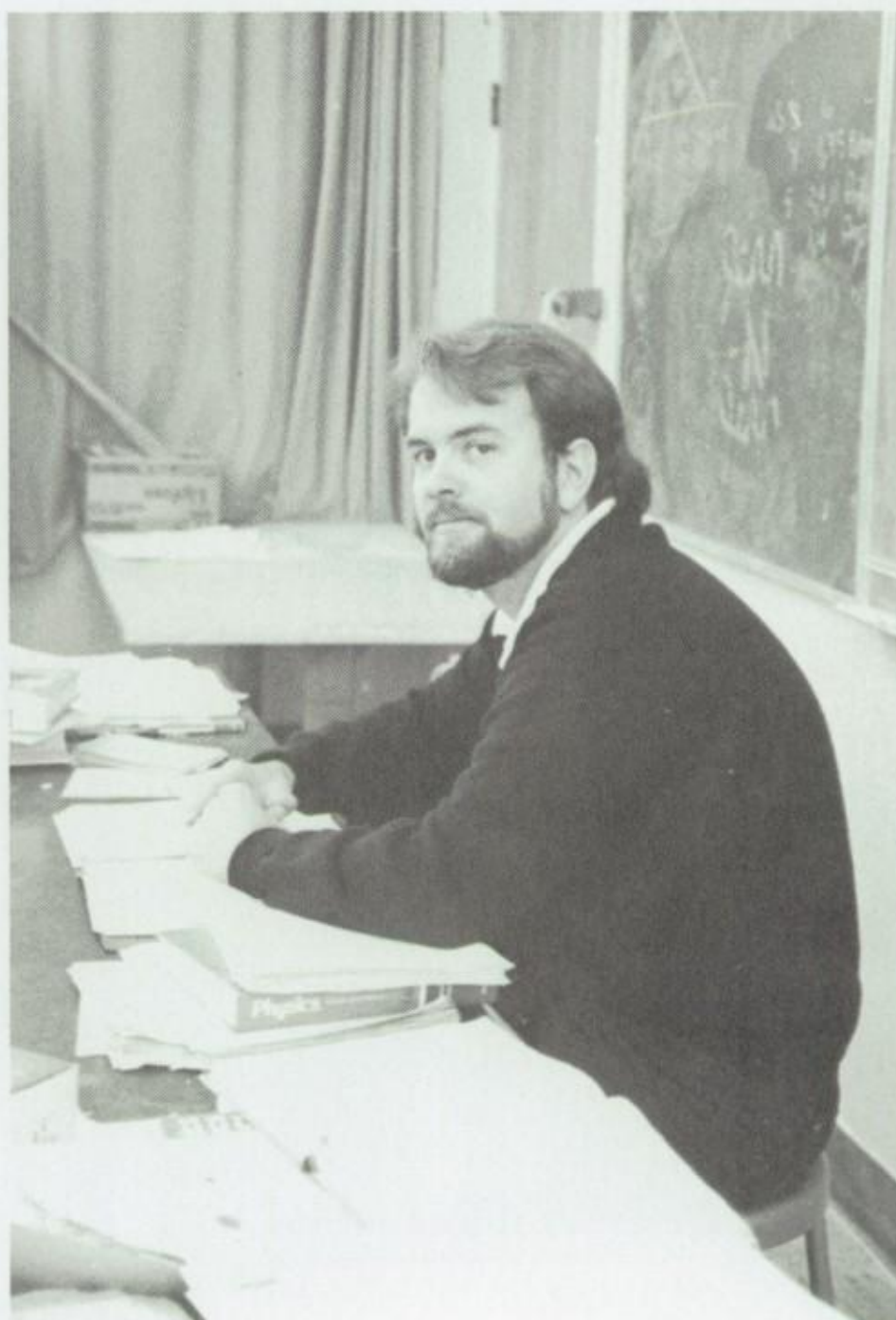
Mizener, David - Special Ed.
Nash, Verl - Work Exp., Adult Ed.
Nichols, Mike - Math, Science
Patino, Joaquin - Crafts

interested in becoming a history teacher, Mr. Hood replied that he enjoyed working with and teaching students in a classroom atmosphere.

Another new face that appeared on campus this year was Mr. Miranda's, the sophomore class counselor. Besides being a Shafter High counselor, Mr. Miranda had the responsibility of teaching an English class and working with R.O.P. students and the Career Center. Before coming to Shafter High, Mr. Miranda was the junior class counselor at Arvin High School for eleven years. Mr. Miranda commented that he really enjoyed talking with his students and getting to know them.

Shafter High was very fortunate to have this great new combination of energy and experience join the staff of our high school.

1. Mr. Griebeling enjoys teaching his favorite subject, physical science.
2. Mr. Miranda's smile shows that he enjoys working with the sophomore class.



Help Center Comes

Rekosh, Charles - Athl. Dir.
Renz, Ralph - Indus. Arts
Richardson, Steve - Indus. Arts, Auto.
Robertson, Linda - Ag.



Robideaux, Lloyd - Math, Comp. Sci.
St. Clair, Anna - Jun., Sen. Counselor
Salamacha, Robert - Bus. Ed., Typing.
Saldubehere, Ruth Sargent - Science



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Help! That's what some Shafter High students were yelling, and they got it. It was called the Help Center, and it was in Room 33 of the Arts and Crafts building.

In the Help Center a student could get paid assistance from one of the 15 aides that circulated through the room, or, from Mr. Stricker who was in charge of the Help Center.

Mr. Stricker said that, "We are here to help any student with any problem, whether it be with school or how to deal with society." Many times the students were able to deal one on one with an aide, which helped the student feel much more comfortable. Many times, if a student was comfortable, he would do better in a class, according to Mr. Stricker.

Also included in the Help Center was the independent study program. This program was designed to let a student continue school by doing all of his work at home and come to the Help Center once a week to turn in assignments and receive new ones.

The retention program was designed to help students who were failing two or more subjects. What Mr. Stricker did was to take that student out of the

To The Rescue!



Shoenhair, Vickie - Phys. Ed.
Smith, Robert - Math, Science
Soto - Holst, Carmen - Eng., Foreign Lang.
Stannard, Peggy - Special Ed.



Stricker, Rick - Retention prog.
Stuebbe, Jan - Phys. Ed., Dr. Ed.
Watkins, Peggy - Foreign Lang.
Wedel, Steve - Science

class and place him in an easier program, where he could catch up.

Another program included in the Help Center was the study skill program, where students were taught how to take notes, prepare for tests, and how to organize for classes.

Mr. Stricker also stated that the Help Center here at Shafter High was a pilot program for the county and if it did well here, it would probably be implemented in other schools in the Kern High School District, and possibly all over the state.

Teachers could also suggest that a student come to the Help Center for extra help.

So, if there were any students who needed help with academic or social problems, the Help Center was there to provide assistance for them at their convenience.

1. The Help Center students are hard at work.
2. Mr. Stricker enthusiastically directs the activities of the Help Center - a program geared to help students stay in school.
3. Shirley Fowler, one of the Help Center's many aides, checks students' papers.
4. Eric Howard and Brenda Gonzalez are working on the Help Center computers.



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She Enjoys

Ballard, Sandra - Secretary
Bergman, Marilyn - Secretary
Burns, Becky - Study Hall
Carroll, Joye - Secretary



Carrasco, Priscilla - Inst. Asst.
Hutchinson, Vera - Inst. Asst.
Janzsen, Charlene - Inst. Asst.
Jarrett, Jeanne - Secretary



Keillor, Pamela - Inst. Asst.
Larsen, Daryl - Investigator
Lauderdale, Arnedo - Campus Sup.
Leal, Delia - Migrant Clerk



Getting Involved



Lepp, Iva - ROP Career Asst.
Lopez, Margaret - Inst. Asst.
Matheson, Charlet - Inst. Asst.
Meeler, Connie - Health Clerk



Mizell, Barbara - Secretary
Nobles, Madeleine - Secretary
Nunlist, Verla - Inst. Asst.
Olsen, Jodi - Secretary



Pineda, Frances - Inst. Asst.
Rodriguez, Arcadia - A.V. Asst.
Rodriguez, Esther - Inst. Asst.
Smith, Minnie - Finance
Weidenbach, Ruth - Secretary

For the last eight years, Shafter High School has been very fortunate to have Mrs. Connie Meeler on its staff. Mrs. Meeler was a former Shafter High student. While in high school, she worked on the Shafter High School Laurion and was the feature editor of the Shafter High newspaper, the Commander.

Some of Mrs. Meeler's responsibilities at Shafter High School were being our school health clerk, one of our campus supervisors, and the frosh-soph and varsity cheerleading coach. Mrs. Meeler stated that she enjoyed working with the Shafter High students. One way she showed this was by being the advisor for Pep Club. When asked what advice she would give to Shafter High students, she stated, "Make your four years in high school memorable. Don't waste them."

1. Mrs. Jarrett and Mrs. Nunlist help keep Shafter High running smoothly by keeping various types of records in order.

2. Mrs. Meeler is busy filing the health records.



He's Just a

Belcher, John - Cust.
Bill, Sylvia - Cust.
Brown, Carol - Cafe.
Curry, Bettye - Cafe.



Fleming, Kathy - Cust.
Harp, Ron - Cust.
Lawson, Mary - Cafe.
Martin, Billy - Cust.



You've probably noticed him around campus. He's tall, good looking, and has great big muscles. His name is Ron Harp.

Ron Harp had worked at Shafter High for two years as the auditorium manager, custodian, and bus driver. Ron was born in Shafter, graduated from Shafter High, and went to Bakersfield College.

As auditorium manager Ron controlled all the lights and sound equipment for all that went on in the Shafter High School auditorium.

Ron moved away from Shafter for a short period of time, but returned because he wanted his five year old daughter to grow up in Shafter. When asked why, Ron said, "It is a good place to live, and I want my daughter to grow up and go to school here."

Most of the time one could see Ron cheering for all the high school teams, be it football or basketball. He was well liked by all the students here, and he never had a conflict with a student.

Shafter High was lucky to have staff members such as Ron. So next time you see Ron give him your best smile and say "HI!"

Good Guy!



Martin, Stanley - Cust.
 McCourt, Roy - Cust.
 Medina, Juanitia - Cafe.
 Medina, Lydia - Cafe.
 Mizell, Harvey - Cust.



Neufeld, John - Cust.
 Rickman, Clemente - Cust.
 Rodriquez, Elvira - Cafe.
 Sperling, Rosalie - Cafe.
 Tucker, Julie - Cafe.



1.-2. Ron works the stage lights for one of the many rallies.
 3. Big John shows that he's #1.
 4. Bill Martin, Sylvia Bill, and Ron Harp take their break.

SHS Salutes Our Award Winners!



The Bank of America Plaque winners are Denise Regier and David Brooks.



Bank of America Certificate winners: Todd Tracy, Business; Thomasina Leal, For. Language; Laurie Jimenez, Math; Eiko Yamamoto, Social Studies; Michelle Wiens, English; Robin Dixon, Drama; Blake Hyer, Lab Science. Not pictured are: Lori Stokes, Art; Mila Cooper, Music; Marshall Bassett, Ag.; David Nalle, Indus. Arts; Pam Cloud, Home Ec.; Matt Slade, Computer Science.



Girls State Representative, Denise Regier.



Boys State Representatives Blake Hyer, David Brooks, and Todd Tracy



Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award winner Denise Regier.



Honor Chorus: Tanya Barton, Jayla Bradley, Karri Evans, Larry Gates, Rachelle Hampton, Renea Hampton, Gretchen Handle, Treniece Houston, Trina Pierce, Maria Rios, Brenda Stewart, Mike Williams.



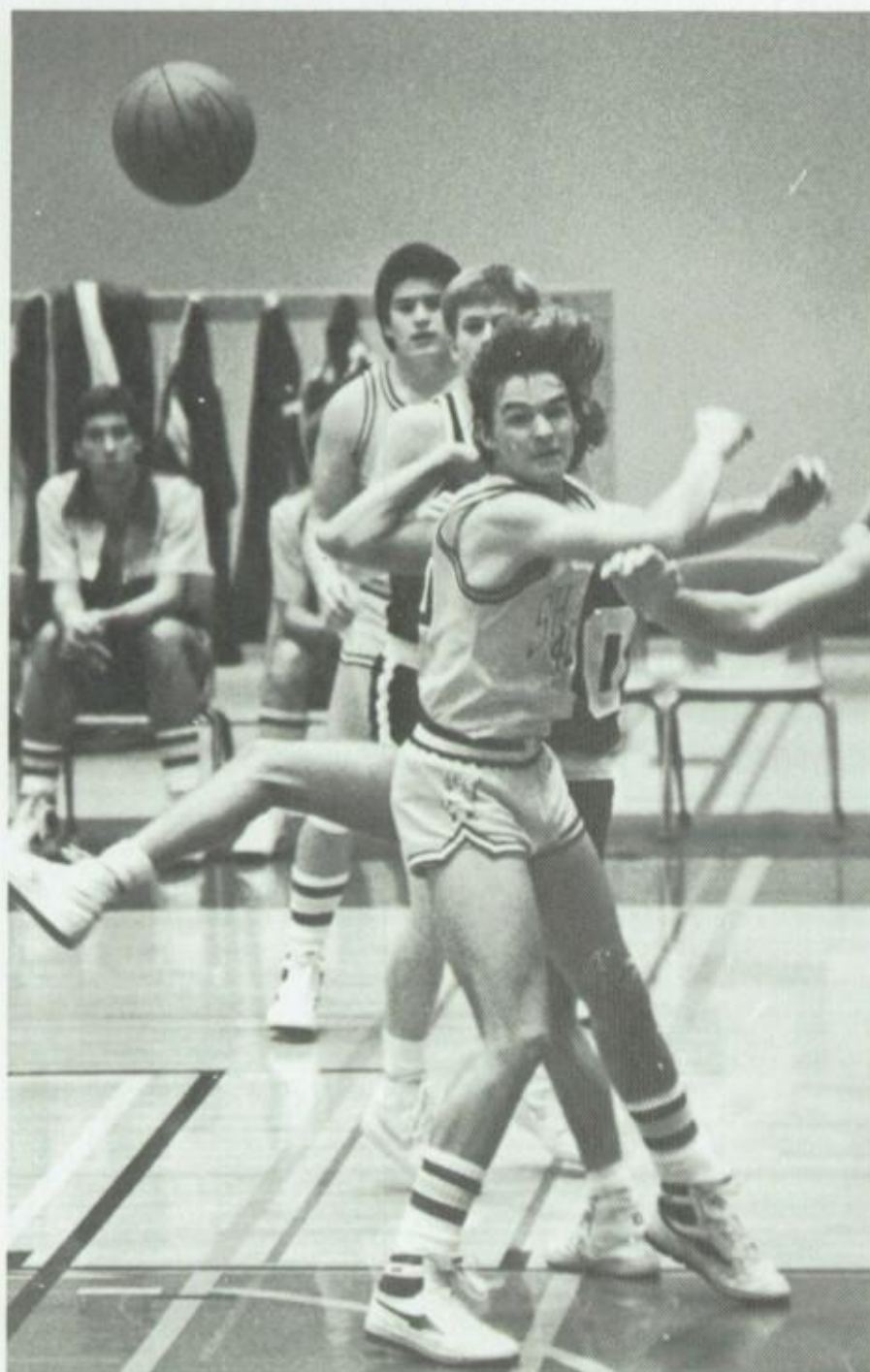
Honor Band: Bill Bright, Mila Cooper, Steve Wilson, Rob Hutchinson, Jo Cooper, Andrea Selvidge.
(photo by Shafter Press)



CSF lifetime members: Denise Regier, Eiko Yamamoto, Blake Hyer.

Hey You! ... and you

... annnd you!



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1. Jay Miller comes close to the edge, but makes the toss to a fellow player and keeps the ball in play.
2. Mr. Nichols shows us his secret dream to be a ballerina. Actually, he's just joining in some fun with one of his classes.



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3. Saturday, January 11, 1986 the annual Mock Trial was held in the Bakersfield Courthouse. Our own defense attorney, Jack Frey cross-examined one of our witnesses, Debbie Nunlist.
4. Gretchen Handel shows no modesty by dancing on a chair at one of our school dances.
5. If you've ever wondered how to get the whole school's attention, just ask Abelino Solorio. Here's one of his many attention getters.
6. When it comes to eating, camper, Tanya Barton doesn't wait. She'd rather eat warm food wearing her pajamas than changing and eating cold food.
7. Mrs. Meeler gives the Varsity Cheerleaders a pep talk at the beginning of the year. They've come a long way since then.
8. During Wasco week class competition was shown through a variety of contests. One was to draw a picture of the Wasco tiger.
9. Mrs. Shoenhair has very little time to give advice during a time-out, so she has to speak quickly.



Seniors Are Active

Acosta, Scott: Football 1,2. Pep Club 2,3,4. Band 1,2. Key Club 1,2,3,4. Outdoor Sports 1,2,3,4. Ex-Board 1. Escort 4. Student Senate Representative 2.

Aguilar, Rosa: Student Activities.

Aleman, Mary: Tennis 2,3. Mat Maids 1,2,3. *Arismendez, Corina:* Basketball 1,2,3; Most Improved 2. Softball 1,2,3,4. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Band 1. Stage Band 1. M.E.Ch.A. 1,2,3,4. Mat Maids 4. Yell Leader 3. Cheerleader 4. Cinco De Mayo Queen; 1st Runner Up.

Arismendez, Jose: Cross Country 1,3,4; Most Scholarly 4; Most Valuable 3,4. Wrestling 1. Track 3. Block S 2,3,4. M.E.Ch.A. 1,2,3. MESA 3,4; Vice President 4; Homecoming Escort 4. Escort 3,4.

Arnall, Craig: Student Activities.

Bassett, Marshall: FFA 1,2,3,4; Vice President 3; Sentinel 4.

Biloff, Allen: Football 1,2,3. Cross Country 1. Golf 2,3. Track 3.

Boatwright, Mark: Football 1,2,4; Most Improved. Wrestling 2. Swimming 1. Pep Club 4. Band 1,2,3,4. Drama Club 4. Laurion 4. FFA 3. Art Club 4. Photo Club 3,4; Vice President 4.

Brock, Gerald: Basketball 4. Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

Brooks, David: Basketball 2,3,4; Most Improved 2,3; Captain 4; Best Shooting Percentage 3. Honors. Boys State Representative. CSF 2,3. Block S 3,4. Key Club 2,3. Outdoor Sports 2,3,4. Junior Miss Escort 3.

Brown, Terry: Student Activities.

Brulee, Christine: Band 1.

Buenrostro, Frank: Cross Country 1. M.E.Ch.A. 1,2.

Burleson, Marla: Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Block S 4. Key Club 4. Ski Club 1. FFA 1,2,3,4. Mat Maids 4. Outdoor Sports 1,2. Cheerleader 1,2,3. Homecoming 4. Powder Puff 2. Flower Girl 3. Junior Miss 3.

Bustos, Johnny: Student Activities.

Canales, Ramiro: Football 2,3,4. Track 2,3. M.E.Ch.A. 2.

Cargill, Kelly: Student Activities.

Carrasco, Danielle: Student Activities.

Carrasco, Susan: Tennis 2,3,4. Softball 1; Most Improved 1. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Ski Club 2,3,4. Peer Counseling 2. Dance Team 1. Powder Puff 1. Flower Girl 3.

Carrera, Marcial: Basketball 2. M.E.Ch.A. 1,2. Homecoming Escort 4. Powder Puff King Candidate 4. Cinco De Mayo Escort 2.

Carrera, Patricia: M.E.Ch.A. 1,2,3.

Case, Dale: Student Activities.

Castilleja, Estella: Student Activities.

Cerda, Mario: Student Activities.

Cloud, Pam: Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Mat Maids 4. Outdoor Sports 1,2,4. Art Club 3. Photo Club 3. Dance Team 1. Jr. Miss Candidate; Poise and Appearance Winner. Academic Letter 4. Honor Award 3. German Club 3.

Cooper, Mila: Swimming 2,3,4; Manager 3. Stage Band 3,4. Band 1,2,3,4. Drama Club 1,2,3. Outdoor Sports 3,4. Peer Counseling 2,3. German Club 2,3. Powder Puff 1,3,4. Jr. Miss Candidate 3; Talent Winner. Drum Major 4. *Cummings, Craig:* Football 1,2,3,4; Senior Service 1,2,3,4; Most Improved 4. Basketball 1,2,3,4; Captain 2; Senior Service. Baseball 2,3,4; Most Scholarly 3. Stage Band 3,4. Band 1,2.

Deleon, Diana: Student Activities.

Diaz, Melissa: Homecoming 4.

Dixon, Robin: Choir 1,2,3. Drama Club 1,3,4.

Dozier, Ray: Student Activities.

Enciso, Alfonso: Student Activities.

Endes, Jennifer: Volleyball Manager 4. Basketball 1,2,3,4; Most Improved 3. Swimming 1,2,4. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Block S 2,3,4. Key Club 3,4. Ski Club 1,2,3,4. FFA 1. Outdoor Sports 1,2,3. President 3. Winter Sports Queen 4. Powder Puff 3,4. Flower Girl 3. Jr. Miss Candidate 3.

Escalante, Richard: Football 2,3,4; Roger Antongiovanni Scholarship. Baseball 1,2,3,4; Mr. Baseball Award. Band 1,2. Block S 2,3,4. Comm. Boys Athletics 4. Escort 4. Powder Puff King. Jr. Miss Escort 3.

Espericueta, Maria: Student Activities.

Espudo, Regina: Soccer 3. Softball 1. Pep Club 1. M.E.Ch.A. 4. Mat Maids 4. Yell Leader 1. Princess 4. Cinco De Mayo Queen Candidate.

Fain, Steve: Student Activities.

Franze, Dawn: Student Activities.

Frey, Jack: Football 1,2,3; Senior Service 1,2,3. Tennis 1,2,3,4. Pep Club 1,2,3. Block S 2,3,4. Key Club 2,3,4; Vice President 4; Laurion 4. Commander 4. Ski Club 3. FFA 1,2,3. Ex-Board 3. Mock Trial 4.

Garcia, David: Football 1,2. Track 1.

Garza, Sofia: Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Most Improved 1; Best Offensive 2. Basketball 1,2,3; Most Inspirational 3; Captain 1,2. Softball 1,2,3,4; Most Improved 1,3; Captain 2. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Band 1. Block S 2,3,4. Key Club 4. Ski Club 2,3,4. Interact 4. Commissioner of Girls Athletics 3. District Board Representative 4. Class President 2. Ex-Board 4. Powder Puff 1,2,3,4.

Gilbert, Georgina: Softball 3. M.E.Ch.A. 1,2,3.

Gomez, Ruben: Student Activities.

Gonzalez, Susan: Student Activities.

Grider, Cindee: Pep Club 1,2,3. Laurion 2,3. Commander 2,3. Ski Club 2. FFA 1,2. Outdoor Sports 1,2,3. Photo Club 3. Art Club 3. Peer Counseling 2. Dance Team 2.

Guzman, Martin: M.E.Ch.A. 2.

Harris, Michelle: Student Activities.

Heinke, Ann: Band 1, 2, 3, 4. Jr. Miss 3.

Heiser, Jim: Football 2,3,4. Golf 1,2,3,4; Most Improved 3. Soccer 1. Pep Club 3,4. Block S 3,4. Key Club 4. Laurion 3,4. Commander 3,4. Ski Club 1,2,3,4. Outdoor Sports 1,2,3. Photo

Club 1. Escort 4. Mock Trial 4.

Henning, Lee: Football 2,3,4; Outstanding Lineman 3.

Hernandez, Hector: Student Activities.

Herron, Kenneth: Student Activities.

Hickey, Brian: Student Activities.

Hill, Johnathan: Wrestling 4.

Holliman, Kevin: Baseball 2. Outdoor Sports 3.

Houser, Kirk: Football 4. Basketball 2. Baseball 1,2,4. Intramural Sports 1,2,3,4. Block S 3,4. FFA 4. Outdoor Sports 2,3,4. Honor Roll 4.

Howze, Kathy: Ski Club 1. Outdoor Sports 1. Interact 1.

Hunter, Rick: Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Drama Club 3,4. Laurion 2,3,4; Bus. Editor 3,4; Photographer 4. Commander 2,3,4. Art Club 1. Photo Club 1. Student Senate 1,2,3. Community Patron Plays 1,2,3. Kern County 4-H All-Star 2. Mock Trial 4.

Hurst, Johnny: Football 1,2. Soccer 3,4; Captain 4. FFA 1,2,3,4.

Hyer, Blake: Football 1,2,3,4; Senior Service 4; Most Improved 2; Most Scholarly 3,4. Golf 1,2,3,4. Boys State Representative. Stage Band 3. Band 1,2. CSF 1,2,3,4.

Jimenez, Carmen: Student Activities.

Jimenez, Laurie: Volleyball 3,4. Basketball 2,3. Track 2. CSF 2. Block S 3. Ski Club 2,3. Powder Puff 3,4. Junior Miss Candidate 3; 2nd Runner Up.

Jimenez, Mario: Football 1,2,3,4; Senior Service 1; All-League 2; Captain 1; Coaches Award; Most Outstanding All Around Player. Basketball 1,2,3,4; Most Valuable 1; Captain 1; Best Field Goal Percentage; Most Outstanding Offensive Player; All-League.

Jones, Kellie: Pep Club 2. Outdoor Sports 1,2,3. Peer Counseling 2.

Kilgore, James: Football 1,2. Basketball 2. Stage Band 3. Band 1,2,3. CSF 1,2. Vice-President 1,4. Homecoming Escort 4. Lil' Abner. Jr. Miss Escort.

Kilpatrick, Carlene: Student Activities.

Landeros, Ramon: Football 3. Soccer 1,2; Captain 1,2. Soccer Club 1,2.

Leal, Thomasina: Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Senior Service. Basketball 1,2,3,4; Senior Service. Swimming 1,2,4. Pep Club 3,4. Band 1. Block S 3,4. Key Club 4. Interact 4. Princess 4. Powder Puff 1,2,3,4. Flower Girl 3. Jr. Miss Candidate 3; Physical Fitness Award. Mock Trial 4.

Lemmons, Marvin: Student Activities.

Lopez, Israel: Football 1,2,3,4; Senior Service 1,2,3,4; Most Valuable 2,4; All-League 3,4; Most Valuable Defensive Back 3; Captain 2,4.

Luna, Josie: Student Activities.

Luna, Sonia: M.E.Ch.A. 1,2,3. Soccer Club 2,3,4.

Maldonado, Luis: Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Most Valuable 4; Captain 3. Baseball 1. M.E.Ch.A.

1,2,3,4. Homecoming Escort 4.
Matthews, Steven: Student Activities.
Maynard, Charlotte: Pep Club 4. FFA 3. Honor Roll.
McWilliams, Michael: Student Activities.
Medrano, Arturo: Student Activities.
Miller, Lenny: Football 3,4. FFA 1,2,3,4.
Miller, Roy: Student Activities.
Miller, Sellia: Student Activities.
Mora, Mario: Soccer 1,2,3,4.
Moreno, Silverio: Soccer 1,3,4; Manager 3,4.
Morgan, Tina: Drama Club 2. FHA 4; Treasurer 4. French Club 1,2.
Mosely, Timmy: Student Activities.
Nalle, David: Outdoor Sports 3,4.
Nickel, Steven: 1,2,3,4; Senior Service 1; Most Scholarly 1. Basketball 1,2; Most Scholarly 1. Baseball 1; Most Scholarly 1.
Nieto, Cesar: Football 1,2,3,4; Senior Service 4; All-League 4; Most Valuable Offensive Back 3; Coaches Award. Basketball 1,2,3; Most Inspirational 1,2,3; Most Valuable 2. Track 3.
Nieto, Paula: Student Activities.
Noel, Angela: Student Activities.
Nunlist, Debbie: Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; Coaches Award 2. Senior Service Award 4. Basketball 1,2,3. Softball 1,2,3,4. Senior Service 4. Pep Club 4. Band 1,2,3. Block S 3,4. Ski Club 3,4. Interact Club 3,4; President 3,4. ASB President 4. Class President 1. Ex-Board 4. Yell Leader 3. Princess 4. Powder Puff 1,2,3. Flower Girl 3. Junior Miss Candidate 3.
Nunlist, Ron: Football 1,2. Ex-Board 1,2.
Painter, Georgette: Student Activities.
Palomo, Diana: Football Stat Keeper 3; Senior Service 3. Tennis 2,3. Pep Club 2,3,4. Block S 3,4. Key Club 3,4. Laurion 3,4. Commander 3,4. Art Club 4. Photo Club 4. Dance Team 1,2. Cheerleader 4. Flower Girl 3.
Parker, Stefanie: Swimming Manager 2,3,4. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Block S 4. Key Club 4. Ski Club 2,3,4. FFA 1. Mat Maids 1,4. Outdoor Sports 1,2,3,4. Peer Counseling 2,4. Interact 4. Princess 4. Powder Puff 1. Jr. Miss Candidate 3.
Perez, Patricia: FHA 1,2,3. M.E.Ch.A. 1,2,3,4. Soccer Club 1,2,3,4.
Pitcairn, Mike: Football 1.
Plaza, Patricia: Volleyball 2. Tennis 1,2,3,4; Most Improved 1; SSL Double Champion 2. Pep Club 1. Flag Corp 3. Block S 2,3,4. Class Secretary-Treasurer 1. Homecoming 4; Runner Up 4. Flower Girl 3. Jr. Miss Candidate 3. Powder Puff King Escort 4.
Popeney, Dawn: Swimming 1,2,3. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Key Club 1,2,3,4. Ski Club 1,2,3,4. FFA 3,4. Peer Counseling 4. Dance Team 1,2. Class Secretary-Treasurer 2,3. Social Chairman 4. Princess 4. Jr. Miss Candidate 3.
Portillo, Mary: Volleyball 3,4. Soccer 1,2. Softball 3,4. M.E.Ch.A. 1,4. Soccer Club 1,2,3,4.
Poussa, Kirsi: Student Activities. Foreign Ex. student 4.
Ramirez, Michael: Student Activities.

Regier, Denise: Girls State Rep. 4. Drama Club 2,3,4; Historian 2. CSF 2,3,4; Pres. 4. FHA 3,4; Vice Pres. 3; Pres. 4. Peer Counseling 3. Computer Club 2,3. Princess 4. Academic Decathlon 4.
Richardson, Roslyn: Student Activities.
Roach, Bobbie: Pep Club 2. FFA 1,2. Yell Leader 2. Powder Puff 1,2.
Rodriguez, Christina: Volleyball 2. Basketball 2. Softball 2,4; Most Inspirational 2.
Rodriguez, Rosemary: Student Activities.
Rojas, Yolanda: M.E.Ch.A. 2,3. Mat Maids 2,3. Homecoming 4. Flower Girl 3.
Romero, Janice: Basketball 1,2,3,4; Manager 2. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Block S 3,4. Ski Club 1,2,3,4. Outdoor Sports 3. Interact 4. Jr. Miss Candidate 3.
Salcido, Kelly: Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Most Valuable 2,3,4; Captain 1,2,3,4. Best All around Player 1. Basketball 1,2,3,4; Most Valuable 1,2,3,4; Most Scholarly 1; Captain 1,2,3,4. Track 2,3,4. Softball 1. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Drama Club 1. Intramural Sports 2. CSF 1. Block S 2,3,4. Key Club 3,4. Laurion 3. Ski Club 2,3,4. Outdoor Sports 1. Peer Counseling 1. Interact 2. District Board Representative 1. Lil' Abner Escort 3. Homecoming Queen 4. Powder Puff 1,2,3,4. Flower Girl 3. Jr. Miss Candidate 3.
Saldana, Gilbert: Football 4. Baseball 2,3,4. Key Club 3,4.
Samarripas, Letty: Flag Corp 3. FFA 2,3. Yell Leader 1. Princess 4. Jr. Miss Candidate 3.
Sandoval, Celina: FFA 3,4; M.E.Ch.A. 4. Soccer Club 3,4.
Serrano, Romulo: Student Activities.
Sharp, Amy: Softball 3.
Slade, Matthew: Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Drama Club 4. CSF 3,4. Key Club 3,4. Laurion 4; Cover Designer 4. Commander 4. Computer Club 1,2,3; Vice President 2; President 3. Ski Club 4. Chess Club 1,2,3. Outdoor Sports 1,2,3,4. Art Club 1,4. Photo Club 1,4. Interact 4. Honor Roll 2,3,4. Academic Letter Award 4. Bank of America Award; Computer Studies. Honor Award 3.
Sloas, Kristy: Senior Activities.
Smith, Rebecca: Senior Activities, FFA.
Smith, Vickie: Senior Activities.
Solorio, Abelino: Football 2,3,4; Most Inspirational 2,4. Basketball 1,2,3,4; Captain 2,4. Baseball 2,3,4; Most Valuable 2; Best All Around Player 3. All-League 3.
Spencer, Mike: Wrestling 1. Golf 1. FFA 1,2,3,4.
Stokes, Lori: Student Activities.
Suamela, Miisa: Student Activities.
Sudaria, Jason: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Service 4.
Thompson, Shawn: Student Activities.
Thrasher, William: Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4. Swimming 1, 4.
Torres, Jose: Soccer 1,2,3,4.
Torres, Lorenzo: Student Activities.
Tracy, Todd: Football 1,2,3,4. Senior Service 1,2,3,4. Baseball 2,3,4. Tennis 1. Block S 1,3,4.

FFA 1,2,3. Escort 4. Lil' Abner 4. Jr. Miss Escort.
Vaughn, Terry: Football 2. Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Most Inspirational 2.
Velarde, Joan: Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Ski Club 1. FFA 1, 2. Mat Maids 1. Cheerleader 2.
Villavazo, Leland: Football 2. Wrestling 2. FFA 1,2,3,4. Photo Club 4. Livestock Judging 1,2,3,4. Mock Trial 4.
Walworth, Kristy: Tennis Stat Girl 2. Pep Club 2. Band 1. Outdoor Sports 2. Cheerleader 1,2.
Weidenbach, Janet: Swimming 1,2,3,4. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Choir 2. Block S 4. Key Club 4. FFA 3,4. Peer Counseling 4. Dance Team 1. Class Social Chairman 2,3. Yell Leader 4. Powder Puff 3. Flower Girl 3. Jr. Miss Candidate 3.
Weis, Michael: Football 1,2,3,4; Senior Service 4; Outstanding Lineman 2,3,4; All-League 4; Captain 2. Wrestling 2; Most Improved 2. Baseball 2,3,4; Captain 2. FFA 1,2,3,4.
Weishaar, Walter: Football 1,2,3,4; Senior Service 4; Outstanding Lineman 4; All-League 4; Most Scholarly 4. FFA 1,2,3. Winter Sports Queen Escort 3,4. Lil' Abner 4. Jr. Miss Escort 3,4. Powder Puff King Candidate 4.
Whitbey, Joanne: Student Activities.
White, Todd: Football 1. Cross Country 2. Basketball 2. Track 3.
Wiens, Michelle: Swimming 1,2,3,4; Most Improved 1; Most Scholarly 1; Coach's Award 2,3. Pep Club 1,2,3,4. Band 1. CSF 1,2,3,4; Secretary/Treasurer 2. Block S 3,4. Key Club 4. Laurion 4; Copy Editor. Commander 4; Copy Editor. Rep Council 4. Art Club 1. Photo Club 1. Class Secretary/Treasurer 4. Cheerleader 2. Princess 4. Flower Girl 3. Jr. Miss Candidate 3. German Club 3. Mock Trial 4.
Wiggins, Mary: Track 4. FHA 3,4; Treasurer 3; Vice President 4. Outdoor Sports 3,4. Winter Sports Queen Candidate 4.
Wilson, Steven: Soccer 1. Tennis 1. Stage Band 2,3,4. Band 1,2,3. Ski Club 1,2,3,4. FFA 1,2,3,4. Honor Band; 1st Place Solo Medalion.
Yamamoto, Eiko: Pep Club 2,3,4. Choir 1,2. Drama Club 2,4. CSF 1,2,3,4; Vice President 2; Secretary/Treasurer 4. Block S 2,3,4. Key Club 4. Laurion 3,4; Yearbook Editor 4. Commander 3,4. Computer Club 3; Secretary 3. Photo Club 3. Art Club 3. Rep. Council 4. Class President 4. Homecoming 4. Flower Girl 3. Jr. Miss 3. Academic Decathlon 3,4. SCWE Comm. 3. Tennis 2,3; Most Scholarly 2; Captain 3.

What's Ahead

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One of the main purposes of education is to help prepare students for their future. A part of education helps prepare for one of life's most difficult decisions - choosing a career and pursuing it.

A search for identity starts at a young age. Many children fantasize future careers through playing roles of mothers, astronauts, doctors, and ballet dancers, etc. Identifying with role playing at first is just a game but as children mature to adults, for most, a search for identity becomes a struggle.

Establishing a personal identity is largely our responsibility. It is shaped through our lifestyle, leisure activities and the work we do, according to Dean Hummel, a professor of counselor education.

Dreams and fantasies as a young child are healthy, but as the young child approaches adulthood, career decision-making becomes vital. Dean Hummel worked out a practical career decision-making for young people. He uses the acronym SWING for this process. The process has five major steps: study self; win awareness; identify information; negotiate plans; and gain experiences.

Young people have to become aware of their strengths and weaknesses and their interest before they can make sound career choices that assess their abilities. Most young people become more aware of themselves through school where they are mentally and physically challenged daily.

Dean Hummel stated, "Most people spend more than 100,000 hours - or one sixth of their lives - at work." Here are a few students from Shafter High who shared their ambitions when they were asked the infamous question that has outlived centuries, - What do you want to be when you grow up?



Denise Regier
Career Choice: Undecided
College Choice: Biola University

I'm not sure what I plan to do, but God is going to be a big part of my future. Right now, I'm considering majoring in math, but I'm not positive. Whatever I do, I plan to be active in my church and in the community because eternity is the only thing that really matters.

Somedays I wish I knew all the

answers, I dream about a blueprint that will someday fall out of the sky, but it doesn't and it won't. I think uncertainty has made me more certain that God is in control and heaven is the only place where decisions last. I know that ten years from now, I want to be a wise person, who isn't as interested in Denise, as she is in Jesus.



Michelle Wiens
Career Choice: Concert Pianist
College Choice: Claremont, Pomona, Occidental, or UCI

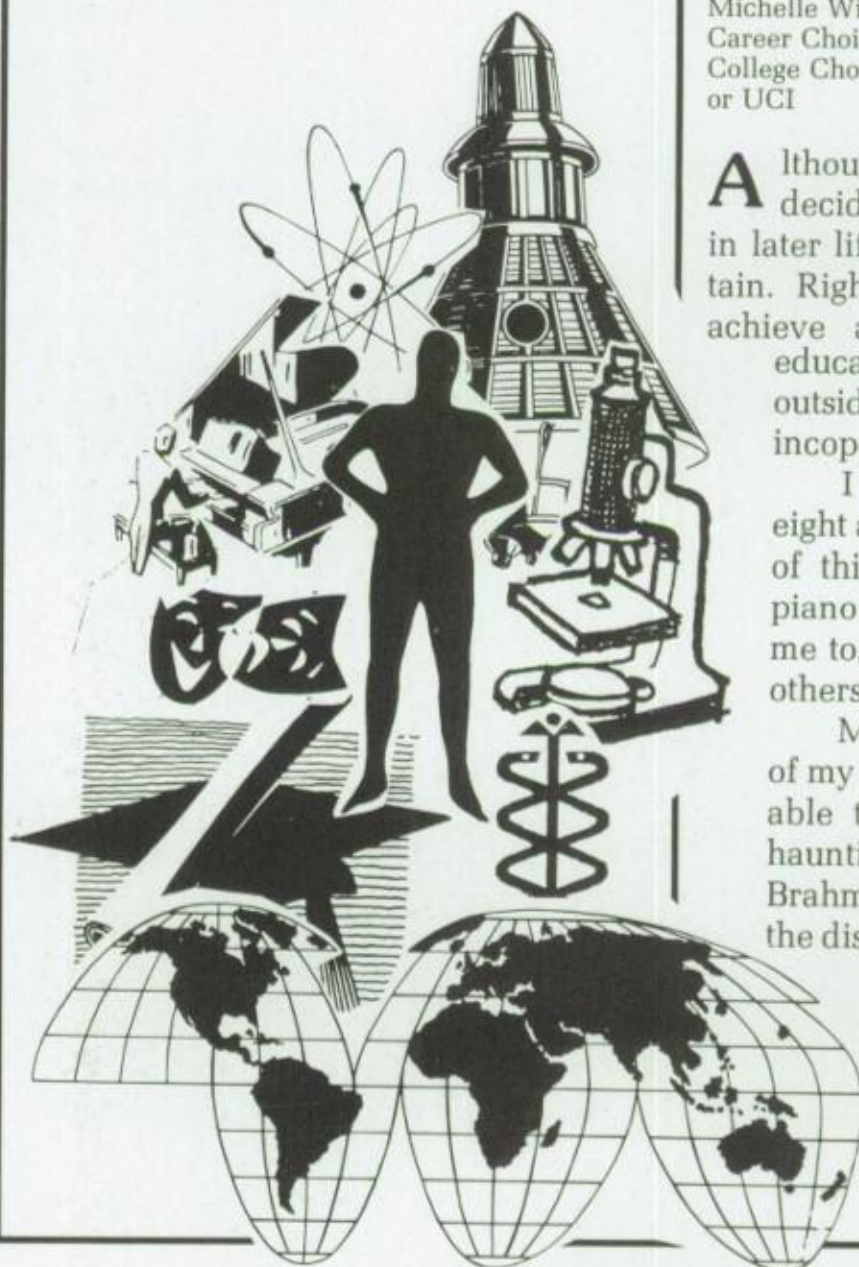
Although many people my age have decided as to what they wish to be in later life, my future goals are uncertain. Right now, my main goal is to achieve a well-rounded liberal arts education in college. I have an outside interest in music and I might incorporate that into my future plans.

I have taken piano lessons for eight and a half years and as a result of this, I have gone from playing piano because my parents wished me to, to playing for myself and for others.

Music is a very important aspect of my life and piano allows me to be able to bring it to life. From the haunting beautiful melodies of Brahms and Beethoven, to the discordant, but resolving

chords of Debussy, to the upbeat tunes of jazz, my every feeling and emotion can be displayed through the keys of the piano.

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thought of turning my love of the piano into a career occurred to me. A concert pianist is a wonderful dream and a desperate goal. The work needed to attain this dream would be incredible. To balance both a college education and a profession such as this would be an extreme test of dedication.

During my first years of college, I plan to decide what area to pursue. As I progress in life, I hope that my music will be a large part of my future.



Dianna Jill Palomo
Career Choice: A field in English or Business.
College Choice: CalState Bakersfield then transfer to University of Montana.

When I was eight, I wanted to be a beautician. I liked to fix up my doll with a new hairdo to show her friends.

After that I decided to be a dancer. I joined dance related activities; I twirled in baton for eight years, flag team for one year, dance team for two years, and cheerleader for one year. I now plan to take dance classes (Fine Arts) while I attend CSB for my major.

If I had to choose an alternative to these, then I would choose an English or a business major. English has a special interest to me, I really enjoy writing stories and reading great works like Hamlet. I also think business would be an interesting field to go into.

I plan to attend California State Bakersfield for the next couple of years and then move to Montana where I will attend the University of Montana



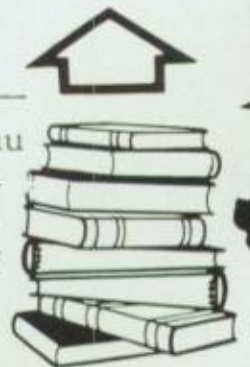
Debbie Nunlist
Career Choice: School teacher
College Choice: Fresno State University

I plan on being a high school English Teacher. I decided to choose this occupation because I enjoy working with people and I have always been interested in English literature. I plan to attend Fresno State University after I graduate from high school and pursue a major in the field of English Literature.

The Top Ten Jobs in the Next Ten Years

electrical and mechanical engineers
computer systems analysts
computer programmers
occupational and physical therapists
nurses
dietitians
health-care administrators
accountants
kindergarten and elementary school teachers
lawyers and paralegals

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.



Craig Cummings
Career Choice: sportswriter or a sports broadcaster.
College Choice: University of Fresno Pacific.

My goal in the future is to become a sportswriter or a sportsbroadcaster. I chose this occupation because of my interest in sports. During high school, I have been involved in football, basketball, and baseball. I enjoy playing them and I also enjoy watching the games. After I graduate from Shafter High, I plan to further my education at Fresno Pacific. I want to major in communications and journalism.

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Creative pranksters thought that "for sale" signs on the school would help brighten a foggy Friday morning with a little humor.



Did you receive my letter?
The one three pages long?
I need to have an answer,
I need to know what I did wrong.

We used to wear each other's rings,
We used to have a song,
Everywhere that you would go
I would tag along.

You told me that you loved me,
And that I was your life,
But now your silence hurts too much,
And cuts just like a knife.

I feel like paper hearts,
Burned to soft black ashes,
The smoke makes burning tears,
That fall from my eyelashes.

Write me a note to tell me.
- RG -



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I Need You

In the silence of the cold
dark air I'm crying for you.

The pain grows deeper by
each passing moment.

My brown eyes are heavy
from the tears I cry over you.

How could you leave me after
all the wonderful years we've
spent together. Always holding
one another's hand.

Now when I've needed you
the most, you are not here
for me. I need you now
more than ever.

I need you, and love you,
and "I just can't live
without you".

By Tanya Barton



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Lions

As a cub spins round and round you see,
Lions, fluffy lions playing in the snow.
The little lions can be witches eating witchy wans.
As the ink flows on the cup
So soft and white it snows
On the lions.

By Daren Bogie



My Fickle Friend

I was once on my way to Canterbury
When whom should I happen to see
But a dark-haired young maiden
Who was riding a horse completely unladen.
She was coming toward me with a cry.
I knew that her name was just Di.
She had sparkling brown eyes and hair just the same,
But above her left ear, it was the same as her name.
It was bleached blonde, several shades lighter I think,
And in that dyed hair was somewhat of a kink.
She was excited; I had never seen the like.
I asked her why and she told me about Mike.
Her voice was happy and her face held a glow.
She told me absolutely everything I wanted to know.
But wait! She told me even more!
His height, his weight, his ring size. What a bore!
I stopped her before I found out about his brothers
And asked her, "But what about the others"?
"The others!" she said. "Who are they?"
I answered, "Tim, Scott, Randy and Ray"!
"Oh them." She said. "They are just flings."
"But Mike. Mike makes my heart sing."
"He's cute and funny and he loves me so true."
"But he's a freshman." I said. "He's too young for you."
And then at that moment a horse passed us by.
Di turned to look and said, "Who was that guy?"
She was off the minute that guy came along,
And I knew the memory of Mike was gone.
I stared after her and knew it'd be rough.
She would never understand that one guy was enough.

By Michelle Wiens

Sammy Hagar

Driving on the highway on his way to Canterbury
Was the Red Rucker himself, and his guitar he did carry.
He looked up at the highway sign which read fifty-five,
He kind of laughed and then he said, "this speed I cannot drive".
His new TA was red and bright
And the girls thought he was out of sight.
He punched the gas and took off like a rocket
And no cop around was able to stop it.
He liked his music red hot and thumping,
And with his music he had people jumping.
He played heavy metal all night long
And he knew with his talent he couldn't go wrong.
He could make the crowds scream and shout,
Because he knew what heavy metal was all about.
With his guitar screaming and cymbals clanging
He could get a metal head crowd ready for some serious headbanging.
With David Lee gone and Van Halen stranded,
A new singing job Sammy Hagar landed.
With Sammy, Eddie, Mike and Alex together as one,
The new Van Halen should be hotter than a fresh fired gun.
With his long, curly blonde locks
This guy's prepared to rock.
His favorite color's red, as everyone knows,
And he knows that his music's the only way to go.
When his voice starts screaming and the crowd starts swaying,
There's no way he can stop playing.
His metal tunes forever will rule,
And all his fans know this is no bull.
So to Canterbury, this guy came
And everyone knows this place will never be the same!

By Jim Kilgore



Shadow of the Past

Here I am lost in a shadow of the
past.

A shadow of loneliness which I've
often felt.

A shadow of dreams that were once
special.

Dreams that never became reality.

A shadow of fears that hide deep
inside.

Here I am lost in a shadow of
the past.

Terri Evans

Civilization

How do we eat?
What do we eat?
Which restaurant shall we have lunch at?

But don't we need to cook our food?
Why don't we cook our food?
But for that we need fire.

We need to make fire!
How do we make fire?
By rubbing two sticks,
No! We just use my lighter.

We need to have money
We'll use leaves as money,
Gee, we have a lot of money,
Now we have inflation.

We have too much money.
We have to get rid of the money
Burn down all the trees - yaaay!

Now we are poor,
There is no more money.
Let's go on welfare.

We should move out;
I'm sick of this cave.
But where will we go?
How about the new condos across the valley?

I like the apartment
Right next to a hot springs
And a soup mine.
Still it would be nicer if there were trees.

There are no trees;
But the next valley has trees.
Let's go to war!!

We want to go to war
But we don't have an army,
Let's have a draft;
But how will we decide who is in?
Draw from a hat,
But what's a hat?

Now we have an army
But we need weapons,

Make axes from stones,
Or bows and arrows,
Or maybe a B-1 bomber.

Meanwhile, in the next valley
The undeveloped people were perfectly happy.

One looked up and said,
Look at those planes,
Those are American planes,
Smoking or non-smoking sections please,
On those American planes.

Boom!

By Daren Bogie



Felinity

It's all part of
a cat's Felinity,
I tell you the truth,
that leads us to dance
and howl
up on the roof.
We prowl
the yard
on the darkest of nights.
You might see us,
our moonlit eyes, rather,
shining like lights.
Always proud,
always haughty,
never a mishap
for with a toss of the head,
flick of the tail,
"I meant to do that."
Slinky, stealthy,
sexy, and strong;
all other animals can't compare
theirs' to the cat's pride,
from the tip of each ear
to the end of each hair.
Felinity is
feline, but
those who wish keep hope.
There are
humans now
who come quite close.



“Friends”

Like a leaf that has fallen into a river and floats gently down a stream, so are friends . . .

In a distant lands friends are few . . . But the ones you get to know, you cherish and entire lifetime . . . True friendship, the basis of one's life . . . and as I depart from many true friends thank you for taking me into each of your lives . . . and thank you for being a part of mine. For it was once an empty space in my life and you filled it with life long memories . . .

I leave you now with sadness in my heart, at the thought of maybe seeing you for the last time . . . But unlike the leaf that passes by once . . . I will someday return here to visit my friend from California and together remembrance until once again I wearily turn towards home.

By Jamie Archer

Me . . . You

The endless calm of the quiet sea,
The breeze throughout some golden meadow
Portrays my infinite care for thee.
Yet unknown to you, decided so.

For am one of many silent birds.
Thankful to soar upon vast sea,
Waiting for blue sky to warm my heart
And to believe in all I may see . . .

- dp -

Passing lights are all we see as travelers in the dark.
We wonder at our destiny and what we will turn out to be.
Will we enjoy life and dance through the night?
Or suffer insanity and constant fright?
Will we have children to carry our name?
Or will we play pretty deceptive love games?
Will we be millionaires and want for not a thing?
Or work in a bar and dance and sing?
As we pass those bright lights and wonder at our future,
We realize that we are just travelers in the dark.

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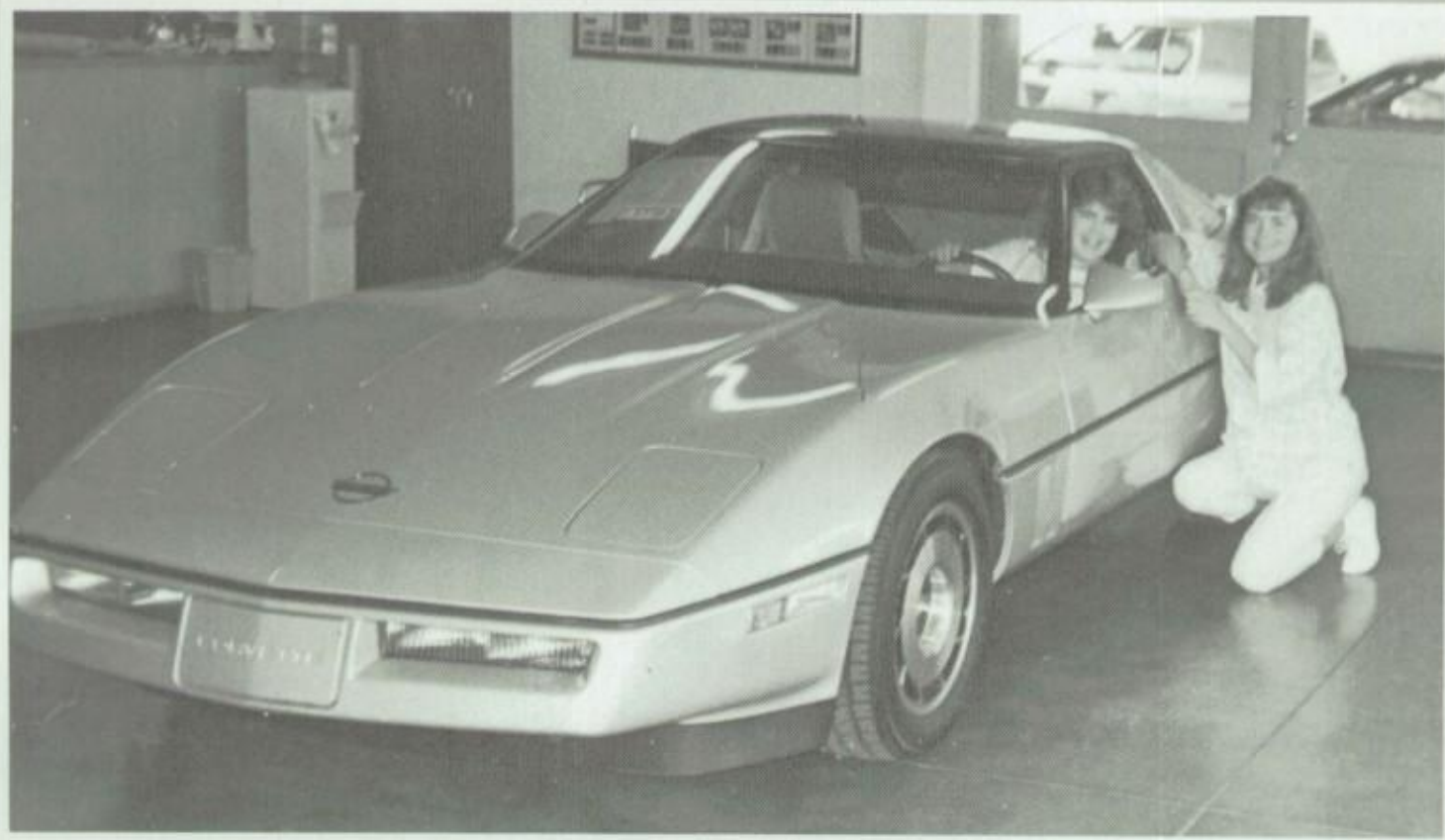


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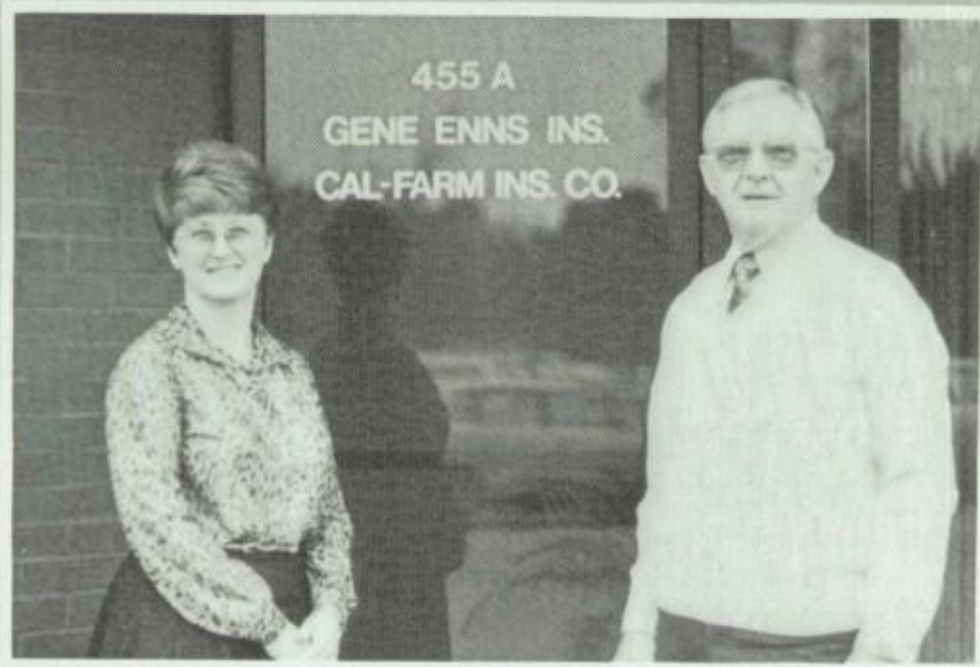
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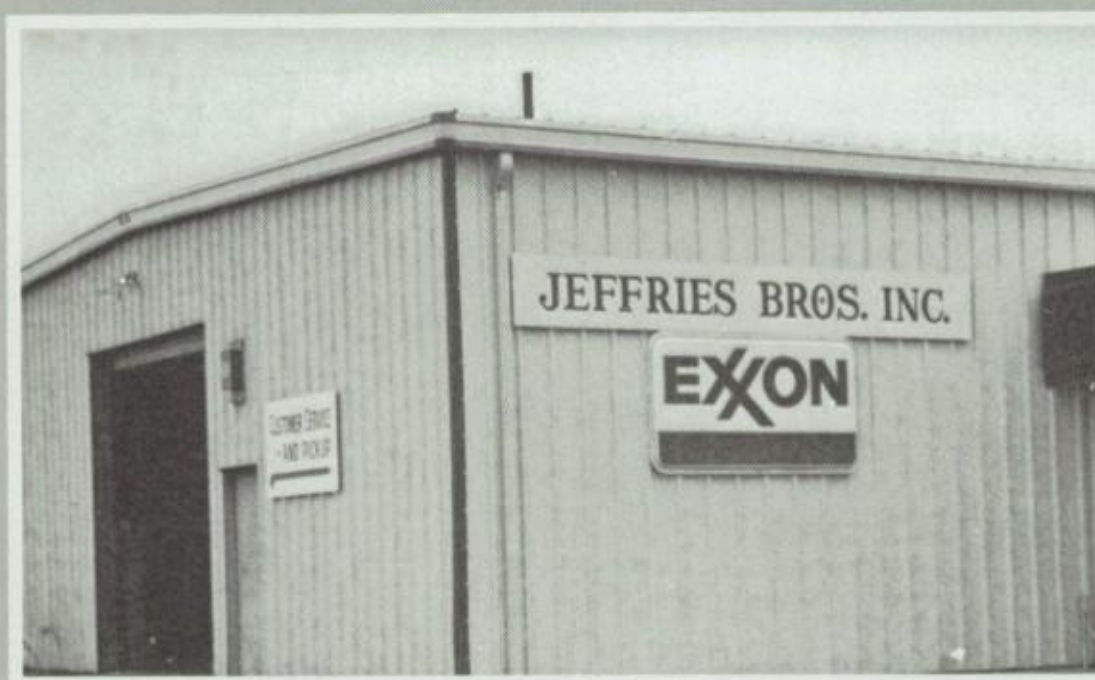
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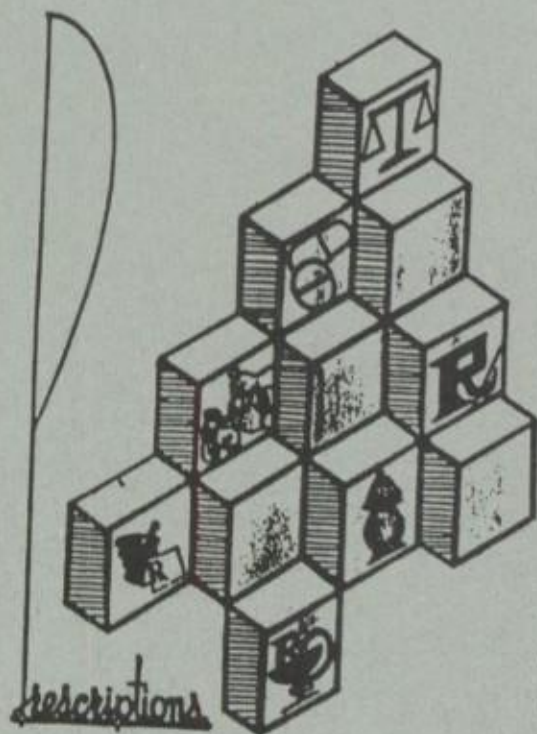
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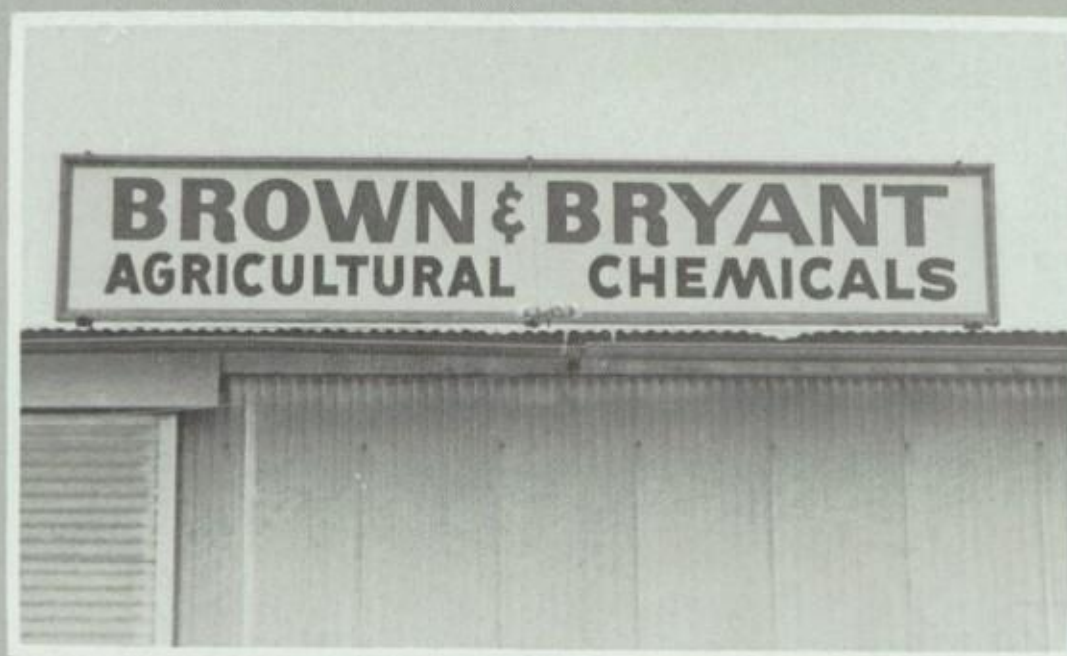
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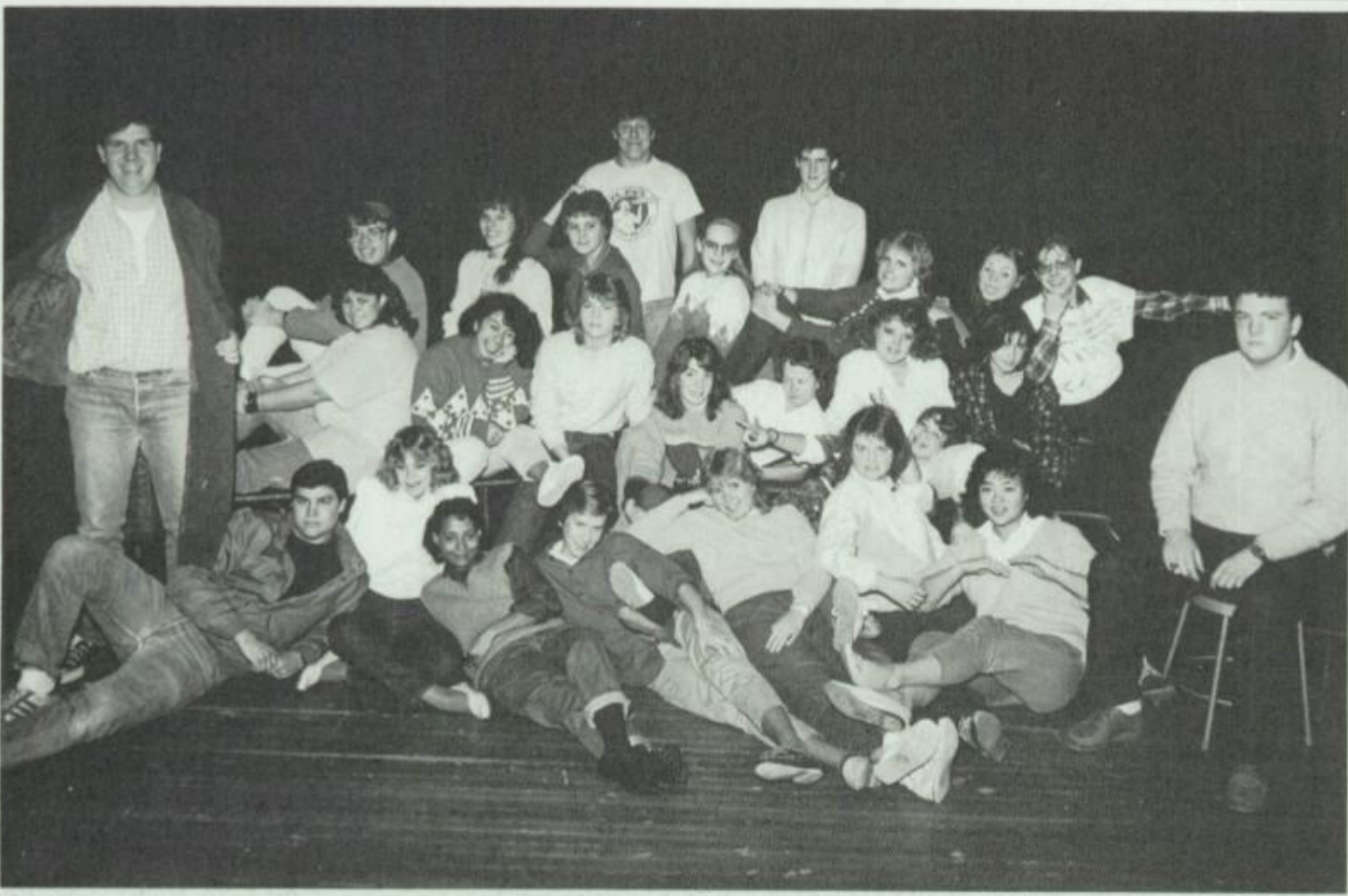


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L-R; Front row; D. Waterhouse, S. Wiggs, J. Cade, A. Selvidge, K. Nickles, D. Reiger, E. Yamamoto, R. MacNeill, 2nd Row; R. Hunter, T. Bolling, R. Gonzalez, L. Hapte, R. Wilson, L. Silliman, T. Evans, M. Kuykendall, 3rd Row; T. Byrd, D. Schmidt, C. Worthen, T. Larsen, B. Litke, M. Larsen, R. Dixon, 4th Row; M. Boatwright, M. Slade.

Health is Emphasized

"The 1985-1986 Rep Council tried to serve a purpose, and I feel they succeeded and exceeded their purpose," stated Mrs. Miller, the advisor of Rep Council. The purpose of the preceeding councils was to reform the school constitution to fit the Ex-Boards needs; now the constitution is stream-lined and effective.

So it was time to go on, and serve another purpose. This year's main project was a health fair, on January 28, 1986. The health fair lasted all day, and was planned and manned by all the members of Rep Council. The Rep Council members did everything, including conducting mini-seminars, taking blood pressure readings, and providing students with a copy of their biorythms. They had to do all their own research on the subjects they were teaching which involved a great deal of preparation.

Most students agreed that the Health Fair was a very good idea and was organized well. Sophie Garza president of Rep Council stated "The Health Fair was a lot of hard work for everybody involved, but we all have a feeling of accomplishment inside." Sophie went on to say that the Health Fair would have never made it without Mrs. Miller and our sponsors.

There were 20 members on the 85-86 Rep Council, five from each class. The Rep Council emphasized that any student could come to them with a concern and they did their best to take care of it.



1985-86 Rep Council advisor, Mrs. Miller.

Rep Council

Lights, Curtains, Action!

Reorganization and transition marked the Drama Club activities. Mr. Devera assumed the advisor's role and worked to find plays suitable to the talents of the club's fourteen members.

The comedy "Take Your Medicine" was planned for the spring. SHS graduate Rick Hight enthusiastically agreed to direct this little known play, ably assisted by Dan Waterhouse.

Robert MacNeil led the club as President and Dan Waterhouse served as Secretary Treasurer.

MacNeil commented that his interest in drama began with his involvement in the Patron's plays. He especially enjoyed the music because he liked singing. Additionally he was inspired by the Drama Club's former advisor, Mr. Snively. He continued his involvement with drama through Drama Club because "acting is fun."

The play was the only fundraiser planned this year.

While club activities had a slow start. MacNeil stated, "We will really be busy when we begin production on the three act play."



Mr. Devera, Drama Club Advisor.



Front row: E. Yamamoto, T. Meeler, C. Bailey, J. Escalante. Middle row: L. Martinez, S. Garza, M. Wiens, D. Popney. Back row: C. Ballard, R. Cartnal, T. Handel, T. Newman, R. Kilgore, S. Antongiovanni, J. Escalante.



L-R: Front row; C. Arismendez, R. Hampton, R. Hampton, S. Parker, T. Carrasco. Middle; C. Viquez, M. Dennis, J. Heibert, S. Wheeler. Back row; G. Espudo, S. Thrasher, S. Elias.



Stephanie Thrasher is the 1985-'86 Mat Maid president.

They Get Their Kicks

The Soccer Aides Club was organized to support the soccer teams, but they had to do much fund raising to make it worthwhile. The Soccer Aides sold Frito Boats and Nachos during the football games and they also had car washes. During the soccer season the Soccer Aides had a party for the teams. Along with that, they made posters and locker tickers to boost spirits.

A lot of the money raised went towards supporting the soccer teams, but that wasn't all. The Soccer Aides took a camping trip during Easter vacation.

The Soccer Aides had four officers and they were: president, Lorenzo Torres; vice-president, Billie Jo Borunda; secretary, Salina Sandoval; and treasurer, Patricia Perez.

When asked, the Soccer Aides advisor, Mrs. Martinez-Meeler said that she enjoys being around the students and boosting the soccer team's spirits." Mrs. Martinez-Meeler had been the advisor

for six years.

Billie Jo Borunda, the vice-president said, "I like Soccer Aides because it's fun and I'm involved." And what did she have to say about Mrs. Martinez-Meeler? "She's great because she helps both us and the soccer teams."



Soccer Aides advisor, Mrs. Martinez-Meeler.

Soccer Aides

They Offer Support

“Keeping stats in wrestling is more difficult and complicated than other sports, because various amounts of points are assigned to different moves. A Mat Maid has to be very aware of what she’s seeing,” commented, Mr. McKinney, one day during wrestling season. It was very true that Mat Maids kept stats, but they also had to run the Shafter Cotton Classic, attend many other tournaments, and be present at the home and away dual meets.

The Mat Maids main fund raiser was selling programs at the home football games. The money raised went to help pay for some of the trips that both the Shafter High wrestlers and the Mat Maids took.

The '85-'86 Mat Maid officers were Stephanie Thrasher as president, Anna Maldonado as vice-president, Jannie Elisondo as treasurer, and Rosalinda Gonzales as secretary. Mr. McKinney, the new wrestling coach, advised the

Mat Maids this year.

Being a Mat Maid wasn't all work and no play. At the end of the wrestling season, the Mat Maids had a party for the wrestlers. Stefanie Parker, a Mat Maid commented, that the reason she liked being a Mat Maid was because, “it’s a great way for girls to get involved with wrestling.”



L-R: R. Guerra, E. Eseberre, G. Corrales, C. Rios, L. Hernandez, B. Borunda. Middle: M. Perez, L. Torres, J. Buenrostro, J. Torres, L. Torres. Back: J. Gonzalez, R. Torres, J. Torres.



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1. Front row: D. Pounds, A. Heinke, M. Cooper, K. Howze, and B. Bright. Back row: S. Wilson, F. Bernardi, R. Hutchinson, and Mr. Hutchinson, the adviser.

2. One of the many instruments, stage band uses to entertain their audiences.



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Pep Club Spirit

Who was the biggest and rowdiest club on Shafter High's campus? You guessed it - the Pep Club. Though it only had a few meetings, the Pep Club was very active in trying to promote spirit around Shafter High School.

To raise money, the Pep Club sponsored one of the many dances at Shafter High. They also sold pom-poms, pins, and spirit ribbons for the football games. In addition, they passed out flyers and coordinated the activities of the Powder Puff game and Wasco Week. All these things were accomplished with the help of the Pep Club's president, Jennifer Endes; vice-president, Sonja Davis; secretary, Jill Ryan; treasurer, Michelle Floyd; and the adviser, Mrs. Connie Meeler.

Some of the members in Pep Club stated that they really enjoyed being in a club where they were free to yell and scream all they wanted to. Others commented, "It was just a lot of fun."

Mrs. Meeler stated that this year's spirit wasn't as high as the years before. She also commented, "It's the whole school's responsibility to achieve spirit, not just the Pep Club's." Mrs. Meeler hoped that next year students will be more enthusiastic and will help Pep Club cheer their favorite teams to victory.



Front row: Sonja Davis, vice-president; Middle row: Jennifer Endes, president; and Michelle Floyd, treasurer; Back row: Jill Ryan, secretary.

Pep Club

Talented Musicians

When asked how stage band helped students in high school, Mr. Hutchinson stated, "It teaches them to play very advanced music and to play and hold their own parts."

Even though stage band was a small group, they participated in many activities throughout the year. Some of these were playing at the Wasco Jazz Festival, at some of the Rotary Club luncheons, and at the eighth grade orientation. The highlight of their year was the Spring Concert where they performed along with the choir. For the first time the stage band played at one of the many rallies at Shafter High and was well received by the students.

The only requirement to be in stage band was to be able to play an instrument very well, which all of the members could do.

Mr. Hutchinson felt that his stage band class was very special because it gave him more of an opportunity to work

one on one with his students, which he didn't get to do in his larger classes. Mr. Hutchinson also commented that this had been a building year because a lot of his former students had graduated.

Mila Cooper, who plays a baritone and saxophone, stated that she enjoyed being in stage band because of the people and the kind of music they played.

This was a great year for stage band and we can be sure to see them next year at more rallies and concerts.



Mr. Hutchinson, the stage band adviser.



WOW! What a large Pep Club.



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1. Front row: J. Heiser, J. Hiebert, T. Hooge, D. Popney, J. Escalante, S. Parker, C. Bailey, D. Bittleston, T. Meeler, 2nd. row, R. Fanucchi, A. Selvidge, D. Nunlist, C. Vontz, E. Leal, T. Rekosh, B. Klopel, M. Slade, G. Gardner, 3rd. row, C. Thomas, A. Porterfield, D. Campbell, T. Neuman, K. Krause, 4th. row, S. Gardner, S. Enns, S. Wilson, M. Briggs, R. Cartnell, D. DeLozier, J. Groves, J. Endes, J. Ryan, Last row, Love, A., R. Torigiani, G. Goodspeed, I. Ott, S. Wilson, N. Livingston, S. Tracy, S. Garza.

2. Officers; Tami Rekosh, Christi Vontz, Mike Briggs, Ryan Cartnell, George Gardner.

Beach Bound

Getting away from town and having fun; Outdoor Sports Club's primary goals. To reach this goal they had three beach trips, a mountain trip, and an end-of-the-year one day lake trip.

The trips lasted two to three days and anywhere from ten to twenty people were usually involved. Only Outdoor Sports Club members could participate in the trips.

Mr. Salamacha said, "Our whole idea of our trips was to get out of town and camp for fun."

Kevin Holliman commented, "It was cool that we didn't have to sell anything. The trips were fun too because of all the fun people involved in Outdoor Sports."

The places that Outdoor Sports Club visited were Santa Barbara, Solvang, El Capitan, and Morro Bay. Funds for these trips were provided from last years sales and savings. With a wealthy pocketbook, members didn't

have to push or sell anything for Outdoor Sports Club.

Scott Acosta said, "I enjoyed getting out of Shafter for a few days and enjoying the sun and the beaches. The club is really fun to be involved in."

This years membership was up to about 40 people and was led by officers Ted New, Dave Slade, and Dave Natte. If you enjoy the great outdoors then Outdoor Sports Club is just the thing for you.



Advisor, Mr. Salamacha.

Outdoor Sports.

Snow for Brains

Remember all of those foggy days this year? Well the skiers didn't like them too well because the high pressure system that held that fog in, pushed all the good snow storms north of the central California ski areas.

With the bad conditions there was more time to have fun and not to ski so aggressively. Steve Wilson commented, "The trips were nice, sunny, and way fun. I enjoyed messing around at Sierra Summit this year."

The low snow fall and fog delayed the 85-86 season, but the wait made skiers more ambitious and eager to get to the mountains for a few day trips which made the season a bit more fun than past seasons.

Ski Club never stopped getting new people involved in skiing. The membership was up to about 60 people. Mrs. Shoenhair said, "We always look for a lot of kids to get involved and most of our kids are good skiers."

Ski Club had no fund raisers this year. Instead they charged extra for nonmembers to attend the trips. This extra fee made money for the Ski Club treasury.

Ski Club's officers were Ryan Cartnell, Mike Briggs, Tami Rekosh, Christi Vontz, and George Gardner. The Ski Club finished the year with a water skiing trip in Mrs. Shoenhair's new boat.



Advisor Mrs. Shoenhair



Front row; Mr. Salamacha, D. DeLozier, S. Foote, N. Livingston, K. Zachary, G. Handel, S. Spohn, T. Barton, S. Parker, 2nd. row; B. Gladden, K. Firkins, M. Marler, M. Cooper, T. Strickland, M. Slade, J. Cooper, D. Nalle, Back row; K.

Harris, S. Cloud, A. Lopez, I. Ott, T. Dobbs, S. Acosta, T. Denny, M. Self, K. Edgmon 2. Chris Acosta relaxes after a trip to the beach.



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1. Students in Peer counseling front row; J. Copper, S. Parker back row; T. Larson, L. Sillian J. Wiedenbach, D. Popney

Learning Experience

Staying busy! that was definitely the motto of the Mecha club. They were either busy learning or having a good time. Furthermore they did both of these things while helping the community.

The Mecha club included anyone who wanted to participate. All the students who came to the club meetings totaled approximately 75 members. As a result of their participation the students learned to respect their heritage and past history.

The Mecha club had numerous activities. For instance, they raised \$2,000 from fund raisers alone. These activities included car washes, bake sales, and working at the games. This took a lot of organizing on the part of the whole club. They used this money for occasional dances and other fun activities.

The major part of the money went to the Cinco De Mayo festival. As Mrs. Martinez Meeler said "The key to learn-

ing is having fun." This festival was a celebration of the defeat of the invaders into Mexico. This festival's activities in Shafter originated with the Mecha club and is coordinated every year by them. This festival included a car show, dinner in the park, and a parade.

The Mecha members also had basketball tournaments given at other schools with other Mecha members. All in all the Mecha club had a long and prosperous year.



Mrs. Martinez-Meeler, Advisor of MECHA

M.E.C.H.A

Core of Caring

Were you thinking about just the right club? Maybe your thing was sports or a discussion group. Peer counseling was a discussion group and counseling in one.

The club was a definite late starter, beginning in late November. The students trained first and started the actual counseling in the spring. The club had pep talks with other clubs and went on a field trip whose destination was decided by the group.

Peer counseling was truly a learning experience. The club members received training to help counsel others step by step. For example, the students first step was to learn a method of listening called active listening. The second step was learning to be assertive without being brash. Lastly, they learned self worth and to promote self respect.

The students talked to different eighth graders about things they needed

to know about high school. Their discussions centered on important topics like drugs, affection on campus, effectiveness and self respect. They also counseled the freshmen who needed help on a one to one basis, in their second semester.

When asked what she got out of advising peer counselors, Mrs. Hamilton said, "I love to see my students grow." The students themselves learned to clarify their actions and self discipline. They also learned a lot about themselves and the basis of a strong friendship.



Mrs. Hamilton counselors' advisor



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1. M.E.C.A. club officers are president, S. Sanchez; vice president, R. Gonzalez; treasurer, M. Cervantes; secretary, M. Soto.
2. The Members of Mecha.



1. Mesa. Back row: R. Fernandez, M. Soto, S. Arroyo, J. Cade, M. Velasquez, M. Castellon, J. Arismendez. Middle row: M. Lopez, M. Lopez, I. Torres, T. Leal, L. Martinez, S. Garza, S. Cortez, J. Albiar, Front row: B. Gomez.

Dazzling Letter Girls

On a cold Friday night before the home football game, eight girls rushed around trying to get ready for their first appearance. They hurried to their places in front of the band, and began to march toward the football field.

These eight enthusiastic girls were called the Letter Girls and were under the direction of Kay Millwee. They were an exciting new addition to the Shafter High School band.

The Letter Girls were very dedicated and it showed in their performances at football games, rallies, and parades. Peggy Mizener, Kay Millwee's assistant, spent each day during football season making up creative routines and teaching them to these girls.

The crowds really welcomed the girls with rounds of applause and the girls showed their pleasure in their smiles.

"I was very proud of the performance of the girls, they work hard and it

seemed to have payed off" replied Kay Millwee.

Noe Livingston, one of the eight Letter Girls, when asked how she felt about being in the group stated, "I'm glad I had the opportunity to be one of the girls."

The Letter Girls added a touch of something new and exciting to the band. When people think back and remembered the Letter Girls all they seem to remember is the fine job the girls did. No matter how you spell it out the Letter Girls had a very successful first year.



The Letter girls show their abilities at a parade.

Letter Girls

A Great Opportunity

What is Mesa? Mesa (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) was a program designed to encourage minorities who have a more difficult time getting a job and other opportunities to continue their education. The requirement for Mesa was that a student was enrolled in college prep classes and was planning to go to college for further education.

Mesa met every Monday night, and the students were able to get help with their studies from peers. Greg Palomo and Cami Grayson, both college students, were the tutors who came to the school to help. Other group studies were held three times a week including Monday nights.

"I was surprised at the turn out for the club, I was happy to be part of it," started Linda Martinez, one of the members of Mesa.

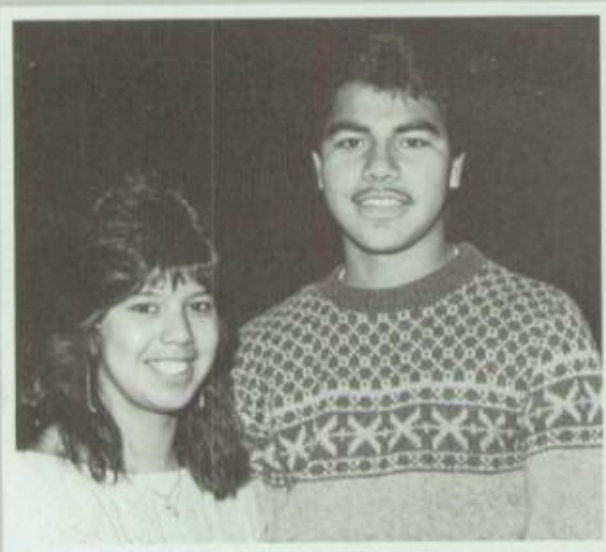
The club members were able to take various trips as a group to colleges such

as UCLA. Every summer, students were also able to go to a week long workshop at Cal State Bakersfield for an SAT workshop. The workshop benefitted the people who took part in the activity.

Heading the group this year was President Tomasina Leal and other club officer Jose Arismendez. The advisor, Mrs. Martinez-Meeler, was proud of the turn out for the program.

Mesa continued to be a very strong program that benefitted the students involved.

"I was really glad there was a place where I could study with help from peers," commented a student.



Mesa officers: T. Leal and J. Arismendez.



Letter Girls, M. Escalante, N. Livingston, L. Link, S. Gonzalez, M. Panici, J. Millwee, J. Funk, and S. Foote.



Sitting: E. Leal, J. Endes. Front Row; B. Craun, K. Heinsohn, C. Bailey, L. Silliman, D. Tudor, B. Smith, D. Reiger, J. Ryan, S. Davis. Second Row; B. Litke, T. Larson, J. Hiebert, D. Popeney, J. Frey, M. Wiens, M. Floyd, M. Miller. Third Row; J. Milwee, D. Schmidt, C. Worthen, D. Delozior, S. Parker, J. Wiendenbach, T. Leal, S. Garza, K. Pausa. Fourth Row; T. Bileiu, C. Martinez, K. Zachary, B. Kloepel, T. Strickland, M. Slade, E. Yammamoto, J. Heiser, D. Waterhouse, R. Kilgore, G. Gardner.



D. Waterhouse, Pres.; M. Miller, Sec./Treas.; J. Frey, V. Pres.

Interact Gets Active

Interact Club was a club designated by its sponsor Rotary to help in the community and around the school. "Interact" means to get involved with something, and that's what they did.

Interact Club had several fund raisers, including a car wash and the selling of stockings full of candy during Christmas which brought them a \$75 profit. The money helped out a lot since they were ten dollars in debt at the beginning of the school year.

The president for Interact Club was Debbie Nunlist who put quite a bit of time and effort into the welfare of the club. Her main objective as president was, "To have a highly organized club, and get lots of kids interested." Mr. Fowler, the club advisor, stated that his goal was to, "become a larger force in the SHS community." He also said, "It gives them a sense of responsibility and a way to help others."

When asked why she joined Interact Club, Debbie said, "When I was a sophomore it was very popular and when I joined my junior year there wasn't much of a turnout, but the people that were in the club were dedicated and tried really hard to make the club successful. That is why I am president this year." The club members looked forward to assisting Rotary with upcoming projects.



E. Leal, Sec.; B. Litke, V. Pres.; T. Leal, Sweetheart; S. Garza, Tres.; D. Nunlist, Pres.

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Key to Success

Key Club was one of two service club organizations here at Shafter High. People asked, "What is Key Club?" The answer usually received was, "It is a service club." The next question was, "What is a Service Club?" The answer to that: a club geared to help the community with different projects.

Key Club, which was an extension of Kiwanis, helped out a great deal this year with the Kiwanis Pancake breakfast, community Halloween parade, the food drive, Winter Sports Queen dance, air races, air show, and Shafter festival activities. The biggest and most successful function was the food drive. Mr. Fortenberry, the advisor for Key Club said, "Our food drive this year was a success despite the disruptions caused by the fog during the final days of the drive." The food was delivered to the Kiwanis Club and they distributed it to approximately twenty families.

Key Club had a large membership this year. When asked why she joined Key Club, Kristan Zachary said, "It was

all of the fun and interesting things I had heard about that caused me to join." Mr. Fortenberry said, "Our initial membership drive was very successful and the number of students remaining active in projects has been good."

The biggest ambition for Key Club was to, "Get involved in activities that would benefit the community and provide a meaningful experience for the club members."



Jack Frey loads up the food from the food drive



Front Row: L. Silliman, D. Nunlist, K. Krause, S. Parker, J. Hiebert. Second Row: B. Litke, T. Larson, C. Worthen, D. Delozier, T. Handel, T. Leal. Third Row: D. Schmidt, C. Vontz, M. Slade, E. Leal, S. Garza.



FFA Members and advisors

Preparing Ahead

Although this group was small, this year's F.H.A. club was still very active. Throughout the football season they sold food, which included delicious baked potatoes, topped with sour cream and served with hot chocolate or coffee. After the football season passed, they held small fund-raising events, to help them through the rest of the year. These funds were used to help finance their trip to the FHA state convention and many other activities.

Some of the activities that were included as a member were weekly club meetings, trips to subregion and region meetings and working on projects for competition.

The club was very involved with the community, too. Many times during the year they visited the patients at the convalescent hospital. They prepared a Thanksgiving Basket for a needy family. The club also sponsored a booth at the Shafter Health Fair.

Mrs. Martens, the advisor, has been with this group for 25 years now. "Why have you been interested in being the advisor of this club for so many years?" "I find it a rewarding experience to see the growth of the members as they develop leadership qualities." Not only does she focus on personal growth and leadership development, but career exploration and occupational preparation. She encourages more people to join the club. Not just the girls, but the guys too.

The officers of the club are President, Denise Regier; Vice President, Mary Wiggins; Secretary, Rosa Aguilar; and Treasurer, Tina Morgan.



The FHA advisor, Mrs. Martens

FHA

Producers Of Future

The FFA was very busy this year with numerous activities. During the month of December the club held their annual Toy's For Tot's dance.

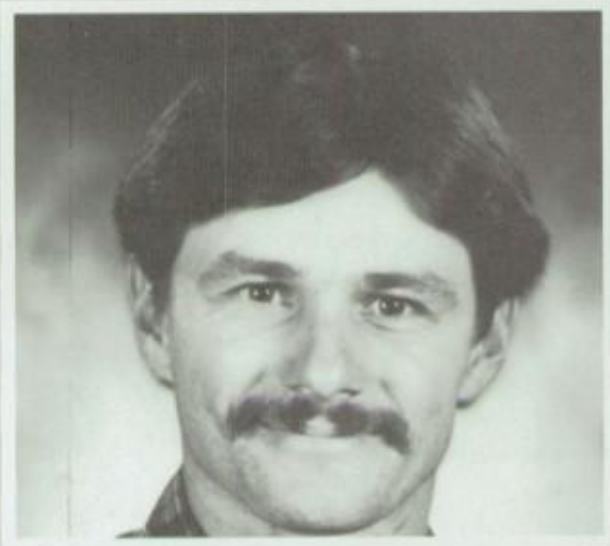
Many members of the club raise their own animals, which are used later in judging competition. The club participates in many events, such as, speaking contests, livestock judging, cotton judging, parliamentary procedures ceremonies, just to name a few of the things during the school year that they do.

In the club, people found out that you must work as a team to get the best in return. The members really worked hard together in "producing" a great year.

Mr. Mendes, the advisor of this club, said, he tries to teach them not only about agriculture, but leadership, cooperation, citizenship, and responsibility as well. Mr. Mendes said, "he liked to work with students who are trying to learn skills that will help them in different jobs later

in life.

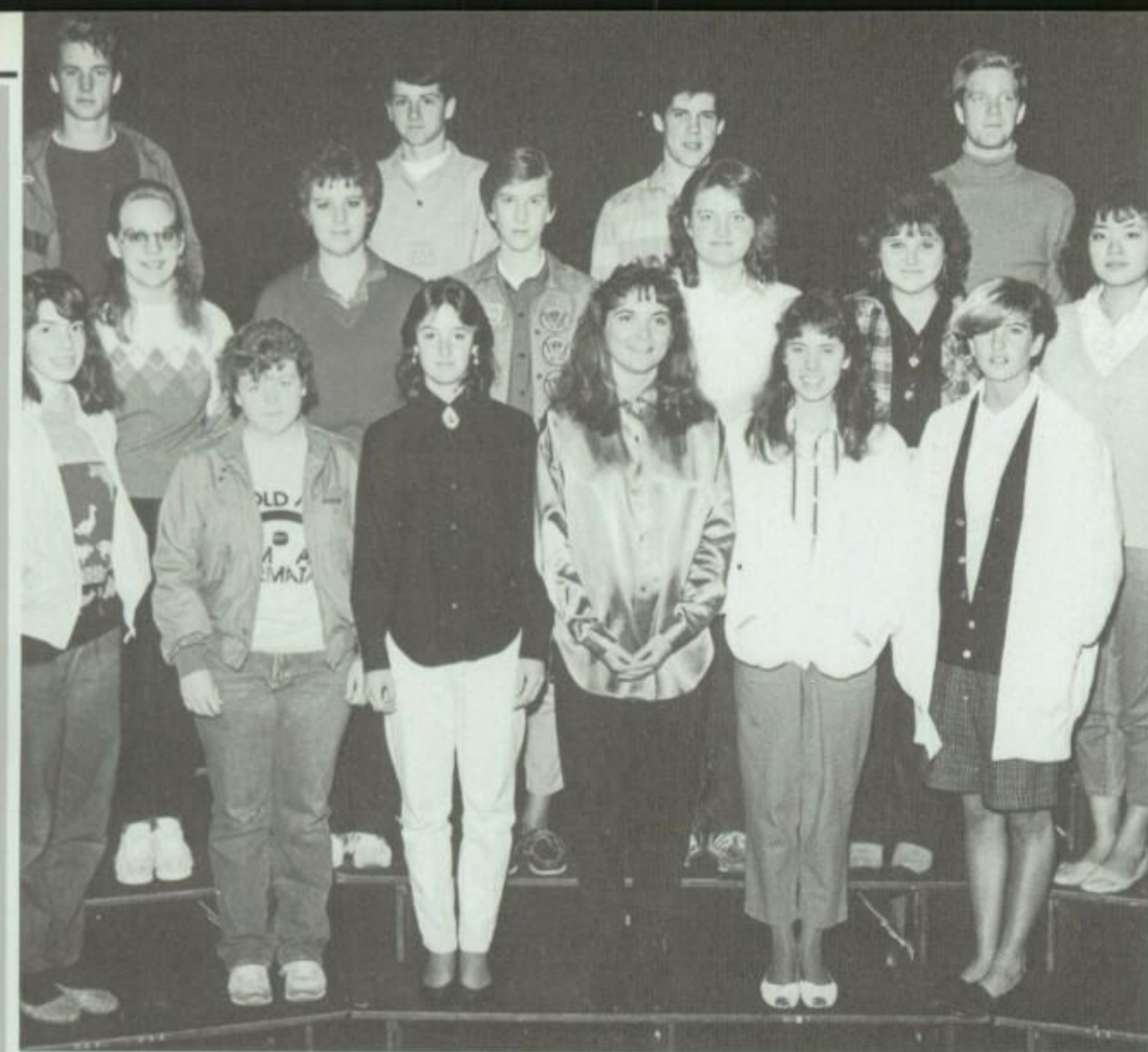
The officers of the club were President, Tami Handel; Vice President, Becky Sapp; Secretary, Dawn Wadman; Reporter, Deene Bittleston; Sentinel, Marshall Bassett.



The FFA advisor, Mr. Mendes.



1. Front l to r: Tina Morgan, Monica Stepp Second: Denise Regier, Rachel Wilson Back: Beverly Litke.
2. Club officers from (l to r): Treasurer, Tina Morgan; President, Denise Regier.



1. Front Row: R. Wilson, J. Cooper, K. Steele, M. Miller, D. Tudor, T. Newman. Second Row: T. Larson, S. Worthen, A. Selvedge, D. Regier, D. Delozier, E. Yamamoto. Back Row: R. Carnal, R.

Toriganni, M. Slade, B. Hyer.
2. CSF Club Officers are: top to bottom D. Regier, E. Yamamoto, T. Newman



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Lift Your Voices Up!

One of the most vocal groups on campus was the choir. They performed at each rally by aiding the student body in the singing of the Alma Mater. The group was young, but that posed no problem as they increased in talent, interest, and above all numbers.

The major purpose of choir was "For some, a chance to learn how to sing and for others, a chance to advance the skills learned in Jr. High and to learn new music," Mr. Hutchinson explained. Gail Crawford commented that, "What I value the most about choir is the friends I have made. I also enjoyed learning how to read music."

Choir can amount to either a lot or a little work depending upon one's level of advancement. Seth Wilson said, "If you're familiar with music then it's not a lot of work. If you're unfamiliar, then it can be quite a demanding class."

The highlight of the choir's year was, "Performing the Christmas concert for

the first time at Shafter High School with all new Christmas music purchased especially for that purpose," said Mr. Hutchinson. Gail Crawford added that, "the Spring Concert was fun because we got to sing all our best music."

Even though the choir had been small in the past years the interest and enthusiasm had grown in leaps and bounds.



Choir Director, Mr. Mike Hutchinson.

Choir

They've Got Talent!

CSF (California Scholastic Federation) was one of the toughest but most worthwhile clubs to enter into. The requirements for entrance were based on grades. Students must have had a total of ten points with A's equaling three points and B's equaling one point. That must have been achieved in five classes, three of which must have been in the college prep. area and physical education was excluded.

When asked how she felt about these requirements, Denise Regier replied, "CSF is a club based on GPA and college prep. classes. I think CSF wouldn't be such a respected club if the requirements weren't so high."

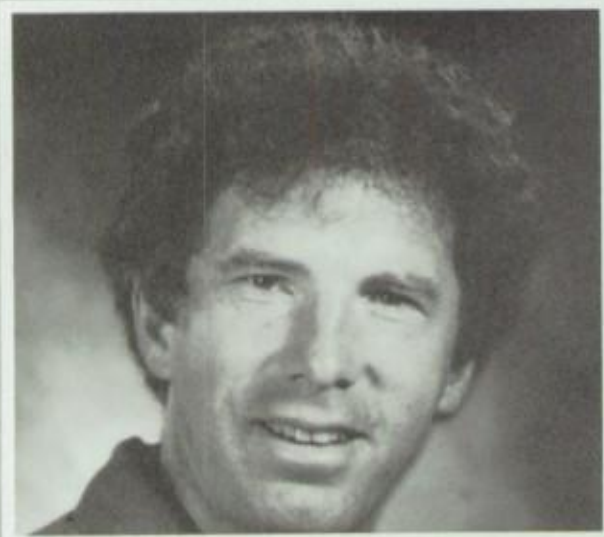
The advantages of CSF were greatly increased if one became a life time member. This membership came from qualifying for seven out of eight semesters. Mr. Kern, the club's advisor, explained that colleges tended to look at students a little closer if they had been

life members of CSF.

Some of the activities which the club participated in yearly were organizing the Sadie Hawkins Dance, campus visits to colleges, and a Disneyland trip. A dinner was also given each year in honor of the senior club members.

The club officers for the year 1985-86 were Denise Regier, President, Eiko Yamamoto, Secretary-Treasurer, and Trina Newman, Inter-Club Council Representative.

True, CSF was not easy to enter, but the benefits of membership were great.



CSF Club Advisor, Mr. Gary Kern

Front Row: J. Hall, B. Davis, C. Epperly, T. Houston, T. Pierce, T. Barton, A. Sandoval, C. Rios, A. Rohrbach, K. Evans, L. Gates. Second Row: Mr. Gaede, M. Hudson, J. Moncur, S. Lauderdale, R. Hampton, S. Foote, R. Hampton, G. Handel, D. Coleman Back Row: Mr. Hutchinson, C. Martinez, D. Crane, G. Crawford, C. Maynard, S. Lynch, B. Stewart, J. Bradley, M. William.





1. Block S. Back row: M. Lopez, D. Boman, J. Epperly, R. Cartnal, J. Miller, J. Heiser. Middle row: D. Tudor, M. Miller, E. Leal, T. Leal, S. Enns, D. Nunlist, S. Parker. Front row: T. Rekosh, T. Meeler, T. Newman, J. Endes, J. Weidenbach.

A Growing Club

Small in Membership but big in enthusiasm" really described the Art and Photo Club. The club's size increased in the past years, but it was still rather a small group.

Mr. Matis hoped for more people to take an interest in photography and art. To be in Art and Photo Club one did not have to be a skilled photographer but one did need the motivation to try his best and take the best pictures he could.

"I really enjoyed being in the Art and Photo Club, it was little but it was a lot of fun," replied one of the club members.

The Art and Photo Club started the year with a large debt they needed to pay off so to solve the problem they sold Granola bars to raise the money.

The club officers were Shelle Maths, President, Mark Boatwright, Vice-president, and Diana Palomo, treasurer, Christian Hall, secretary, and Angela Noel.

"I enjoyed taking pictures and learning how to develop them," a club member replied when, asked how they felt about being involved in the club.

Mr. Matis was really happy about the turn out this past year and hoped that next year would be even better.

Mr. Matis was glad to be an advisor for the club one more year and plans to continue on until he gets tired of taking pictures which is probably never.

"I plan to be in the club next year and as long as I'm at Shafter High," reassured one of the enthusiastic members.



Mr. Matis, the advisor for Art and Photo.

Art and Photo

Best of the Generals

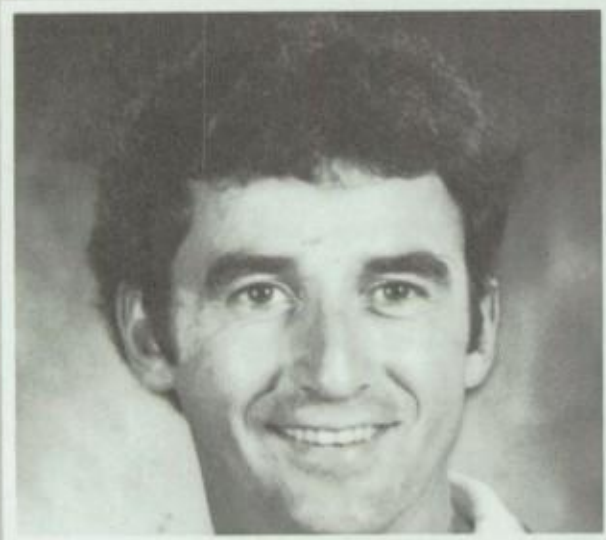
“Block ‘S’ is still one of the most popular clubs on campus,” replied Mr. Stuebbe, one of the advisors of Block S. With co-advisor Mr. Hood, the group was about 30 members strong which showed the enthusiasm of the athletes at Shafter High. Athletes were involved in football, baseball, volleyball, and other sports that gave them a varsity letter to be able to qualify for the club. The only requirement for membership was to have a varsity letter in a sport.

The main purpose for Block S was to promote athletics at Shafter High. A basketball tournament was held at lunch which gave students a chance to show their athletic abilities. Financially, the club was very stable but they still held a car wash in the spring. Those two events were the major functions of the club.

As other students realized how prestigious Block S was, the advisors hoped they could build a more active

club. Mr. Hood was in his first year at Shafter High and found it to be very rewarding being a co-advisor with Mr. Stuebbe for Block S. He hoped that next year's involvement would be as successful as this past year's.

“It's hard to be an athlete, but it's even harder being a General,” stated Mr. Stuebbe. One of the club members, Tara Meeler, stated that she worked hard at her sport and was proud to be a General. Many other members felt the same way.



The advisor of Block S, Mr. Stuebbe.



1. Art and Photo officers: left to right, Diana Palomo, treasurer, Mark Boatwright, vice-president, Christian Hall, secretary, and Angela Noel.
2. Mr. Matis displays the different types of lenses to the photo club.



You Can Find Action, Fun, and Involvement in

Clubs



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1. Leland Villalvazo and Glen Creekmore display some of the food FFA collected for needy families in Shafter. They passed out the food for Thanksgiving.

2. Stephanie Thrasher, president of Mat Maids, sells football programs to spectators. Other Mat Maid members help Stephanie.

3. Mrs. Carolyn Miller proposes an idea before the Rep Council. Mrs. Miller has been the advisor for the two years it has been on our campus.

4. Christian Hall, an Art and Photo member, prepares to take a picture of Mr. Matis, the Art and Photo club advisor.



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Eagle, Birdie . . . The Country Club Life



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Mark Rodriguez commented that he likes golf "because there's not as much pressure in golf as there is in other sports, and it's fun to play at all the different country clubs.

Jim Heiser and Blake Hyer were the only seniors this year. Because of their significant amount of experience, they were a great asset to Mr. Larson as they helped the others learn the various skills of the sport. They also helped the team in their overall performance during the

SYL Mini-Tournament.

This year's team consisted of Jim Heiser, Blake Hyer, Bobby Borda, Mark Rodriguez, Robert Dorsett, and Tim Dobbs.

Tim Dobbs commented that the most memorable event for him during the season was, "being the first person in the school's history to be disqualified from a match. I got mad and threw the ball. It was pretty cool," he said with a grin. "Seriously, I really enjoy the sport a lot."

Coach Larson stated that this year's team was a "particularly good team to work with. They are all out there for the same reason. They enjoy golf, and they strive to do their best."



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1. Robert Dorsett enjoys s terrific practice.
2. Jim and Blake have a good time.
3. Blake is in full swing as he drives the ball down the fairway toward the green.

1. Blake shows deep concentration as he putts after he reads the green.
2. Jim aims for a perfect put.



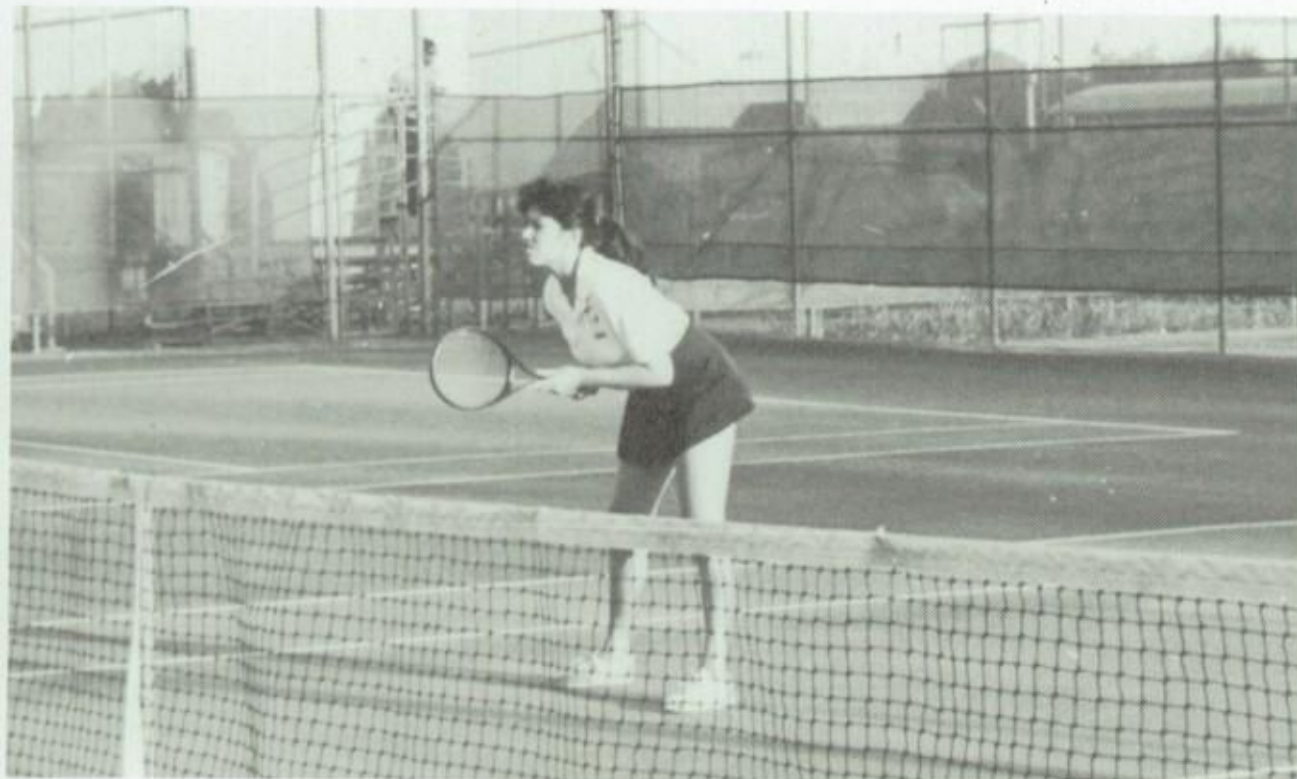
SSL Mini Tournament
Garces
Omega
Taft
Wasco
Corcoran



coach George Larson



Front: J. Heiser, M. Rodriguez Back: B. Hyer, T. Dobbs, R. Dorsett, Coach G. Larson



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1. Susan Carrasco concentrates as she keeps her eye on the ball.
2. Beverly Litke serves the ball as Tricia, her double partner gets ready to net it.

Opponents
Corcoran
Taft
Coalinga
Wasco
Garces

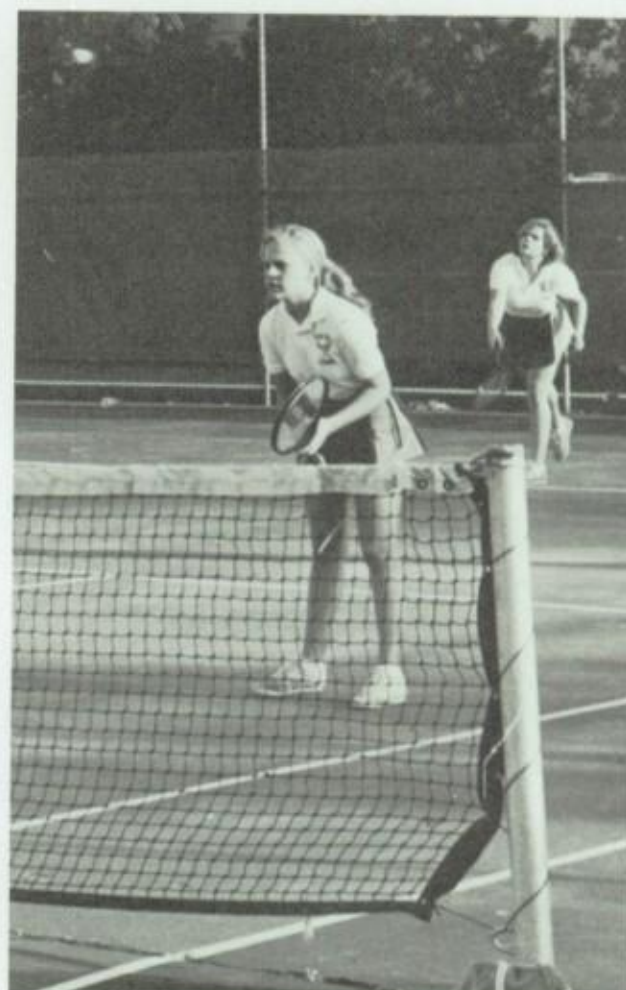
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Mrs. Miller, Tennis Coach



Front row: M. Stepp, R. Gonzales, L. DelToro, T. Mathis, M. Bertolucci Second row: J. Wilson, K. Payne, P. Plaza, V. Cummings, J. Gonzales, L. Silliman, J. McCowen, D. Tudor, R. Hampton. Third row: S. Carrasco, N. Nickelsen, M. Larsen, T. Larsen, M. Miller, coach, T. Rekosh, T. Strickland, B. Litke.



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Encouragement Makes The Team

If you ever got the chance to watch the girls on the Shafter High tennis team, you would know that encouragement from fellow teammates and their coach, Mrs. Miller, was an important part of their game. Most of the tennis players agreed.

When asked how she felt about the Shafter High girls' tennis team, Mrs. Miller stated, "They are a great bunch of girls." Mrs. Miller also commented that this year's team was a lot farther along in skill and experience than they were last year.

The girls put in about twelve hours of practice a week to achieve good form, powerful serves, and perfect backhand strokes. Many of the girls also practiced on the week-ends. One of the players on the team, Jill Wilson, commented that "Practice really does help you in a game."

There were about thirty-one

girls that joined the tennis team this year. With such a large group, getting along was very important. The majority of the girls on the team were all friends and the encouragement they gave each other helped them get along even better.

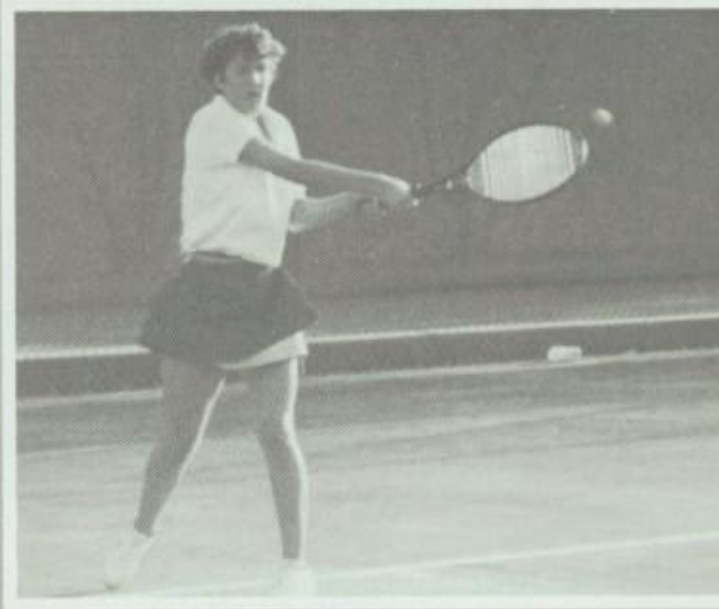
When asked how a person could join the tennis team, Mrs. Miller stated that anyone who was willing to practice and work hard was accepted. The actual Tennis team that plays in matches are a select group of girls that

consist of three doubles and two singles. These girls are chosen by their playing skill.

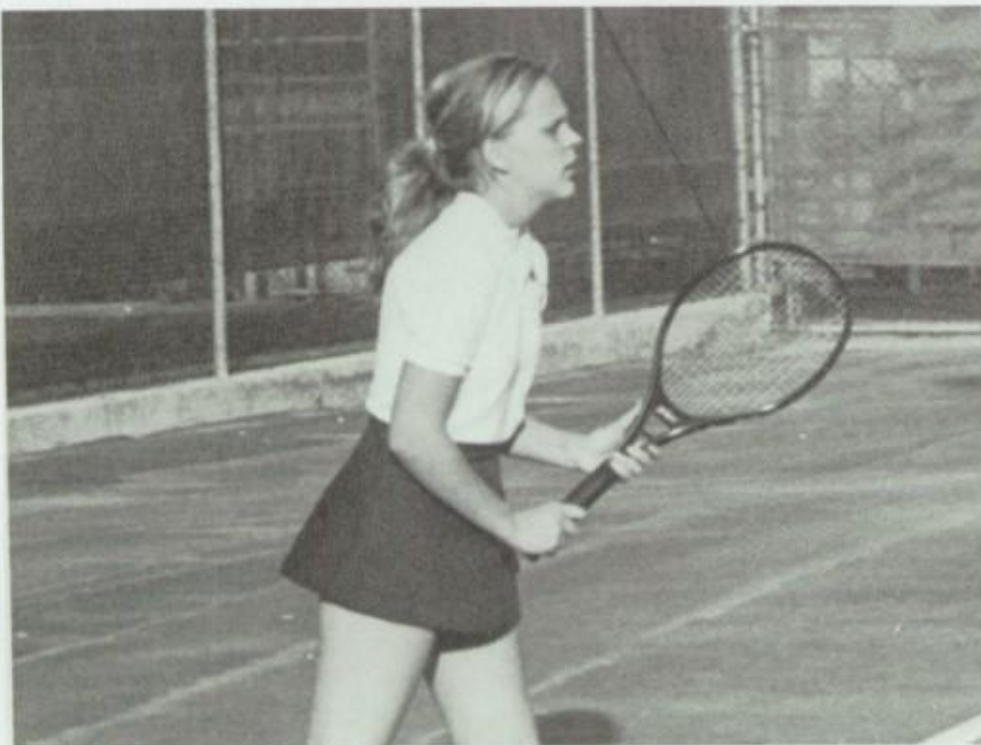
When asked why she joined the tennis team, Kristie Payne stated, "I enjoy being in a sport and it helps me keep fit." In addition, it is a sport they can continue to participate in for the rest of their lives.

One of the girls that all the players looked up to was senior, Pat Plaza. All the girls and Mrs. Miller agreed that Pat was a great asset to the team.

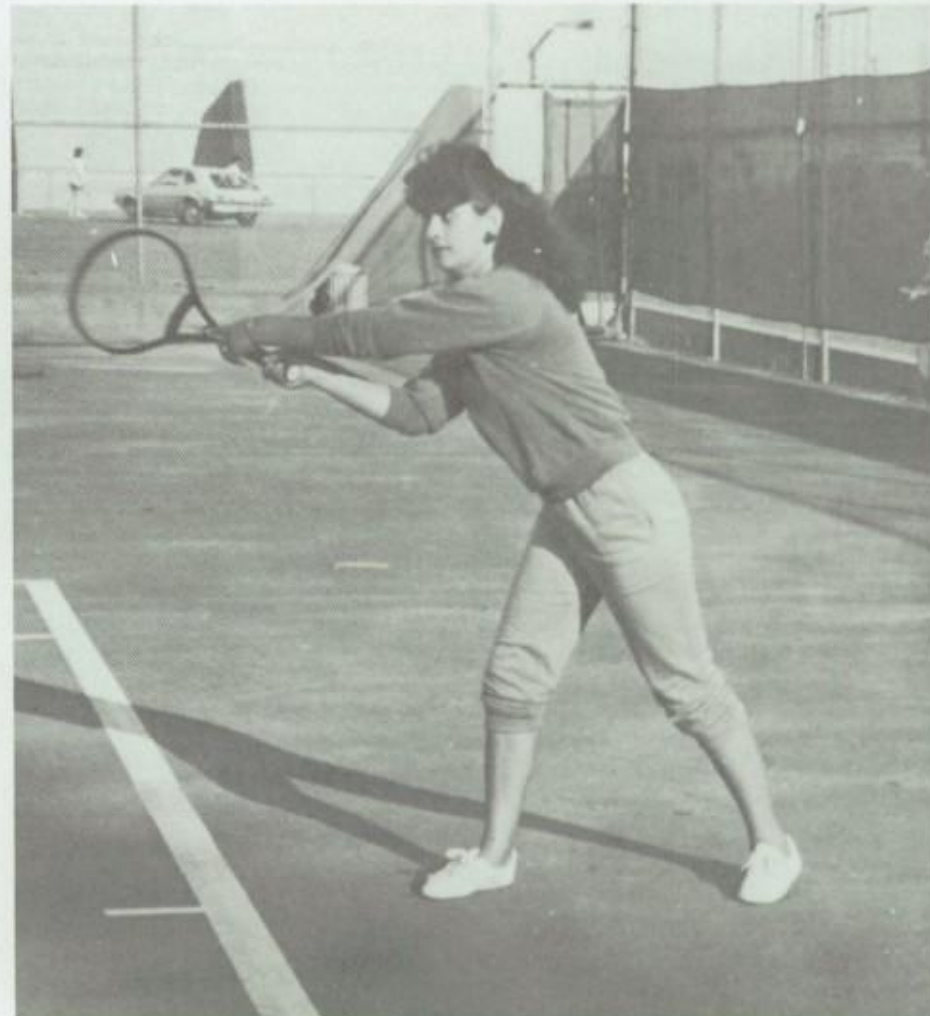
Mrs. Miller stated that she had enjoyed coaching the girls' tennis team because she had played tennis in high school and college and wanted to help teach others to play.



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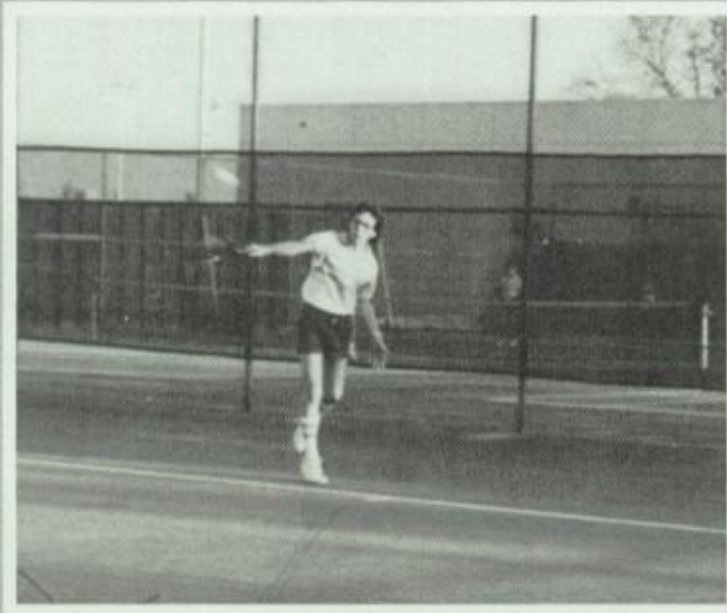


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1. Tami Rekosh returns the ball with a backhand.
2. Tricia Larsen prepares to return an incoming ball to her opponent.
3. Carmen Mora practices her return to make it better for the game.

Boys Tennis

That's The Way The Ball Bounces



Mr. Fortenberry had to do a lot of switching around before he could make a choice of where the guys should be placed. It took about three or four weeks for him to arrive at the final roster, but it worked out. The coach felt that if the players were kept in the positions that they held, three weeks into the season, the team would benefit the most. As the season progressed, the players got better and Shafter's boys tennis team became fair competitors in league.

This year's boys tennis team was slightly depleted compared to last years, but that could be for the better. In the beginning of the tennis season the boys team had a smaller than usual turnout. As the season progressed a few more students sifted onto the courts to play. The turnout this year consisted of three returners, with only one having more than a years experience, and seven beginners. With the season progressing, the coach, Mr. Fortenberry, hoped to improve as a team and as individuals in order to become more competitive in our league. Mr. Fortenberry felt that in the long run it was better to have an inexperienced team, because they can all progress in time to become a highly competitive team.

Mr. Fortenberry enjoyed coaching tennis because he could "Watch students learn

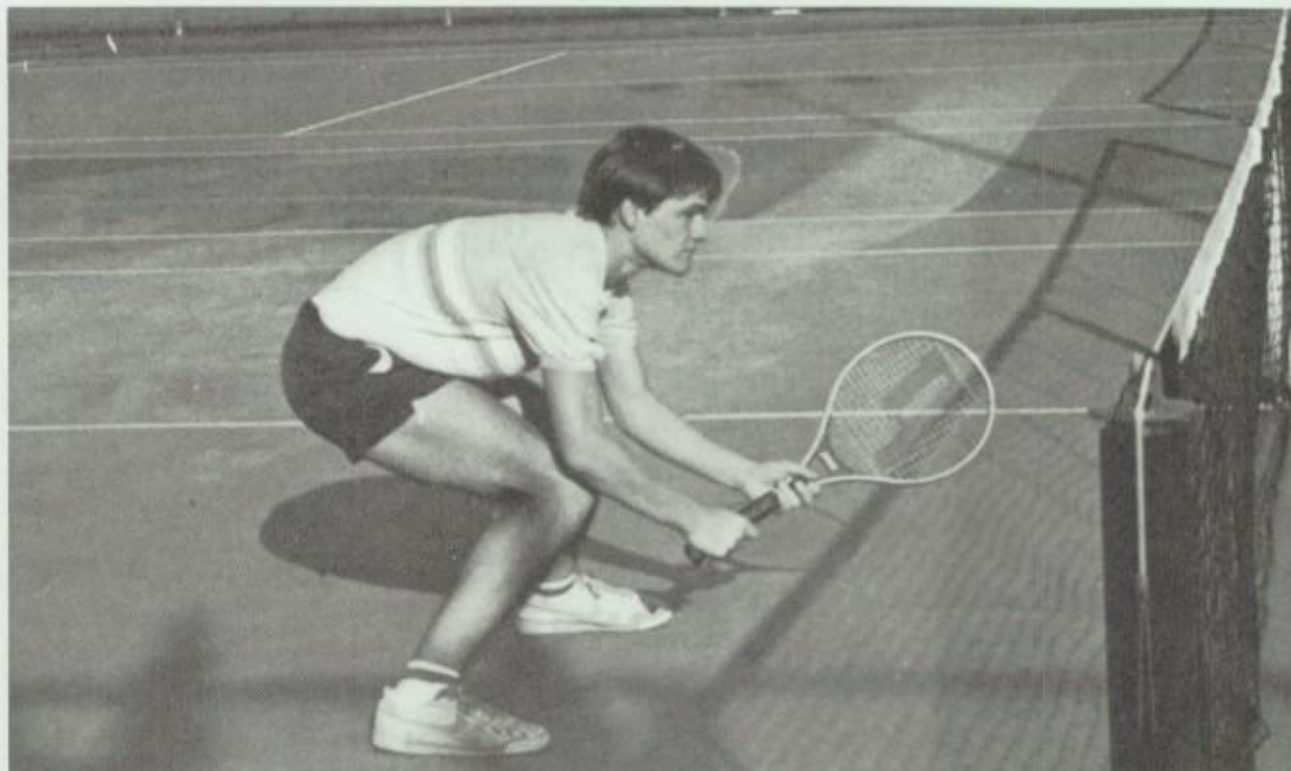
skills, apply them in competitive situations, and learn about themselves." Students, like Jay Miller, liked to come out and play on the team, because they had a good time with friends, got a tan on their legs, and kept in shape.

As it was, the team was set up with two singles teams and three double teams. Regular league play consisted of three singles teams and two or three doubles teams. Having a team consisting mostly of starters was difficult.



1. Seth Wilson concentrates on his backhand form as he returns a ball in a match.
2. Neil Hamiton and Daniel Cuadras are receiving the serve.
3. Duane Boman awaits, with forehand ready, for a chance to return the ball.

1. Jay Miller waits for his opponent to return the serve.
2. Neil Hamilton returns the ball with a backhand.



Team's Opponents
Corcoran
Taft
Coalinga
Wasco
Garces
League Championship



Boys Tennis Coach,
Mr. Fortenberry.



Front row: N. Hamilton, D. Cuadras, S. Wilson, J. Frey, M. Maynard Top row: Coach Mr. Fortenberry, P. Miller, R. Fernandez, M. Lopez, D. Boman, J. Miller



1. Relay team members practices their hand offs for the next meet.
2. Girls relay team members practices their technique.

Opponents

Corcoran
Coalinga
Wasco Rel.
Garces
McFarland
Kern Rel.
S. Sequoia
Area South
Valley meet



1. Coach Garber and Coach McKinney.



Front row: J. Hill, E. Castillija, A. Graciliano, W. Morales, J. Torres, A. Florez, Second: L. Gamble, R. Canales J. Tovar, K. Ellis, E. Roach, M. Carrasco K. Thompson, H. Hernandez, Third: C. Harmer, R. Pacheco, T. Bender, C. Epperly, B. Gomez, T. Plumey, S. Wheeler, S. Lynnch, Fourth: M. Lucas, M. Forehand, C. Hall, A. Garcia, C. Ruiz, J. Cordova, D. Westbrook, C. Arnall, S. Vasquez



Track

A Mile at a Time



What style! What finesse! You might have even called track a work of art. With the help of Coach McKinney and Coach Garber, the members of the Shafter High track team were in their own spotlight.

The 1985 runners were a determined, self-willed group. They went out for track with much enthusiasm. Everyone knew where they wanted to go. The state meet was the one everyone strived for, but hard work was required to achieve that goal.

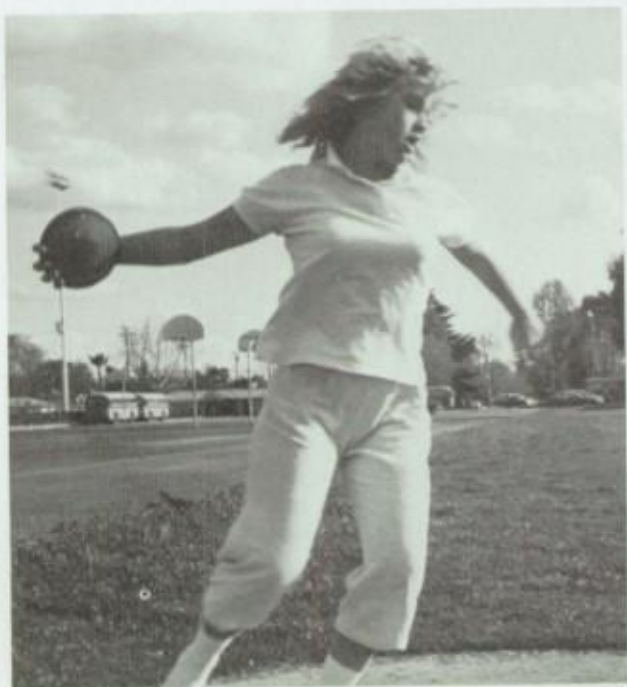
One could not be lazy at practice or even afford to miss one practice unless there was a good reason. Practice, potential, and sweat were all necessary to perform well. Coach McKinney taught one thing: No pain, no gain! Everyone knew that effort was necessary to compete with the best, who would be found at South Sequoia and Valley meets.

Practice began with a fifteen minute warm up and roll call; then everyone split up, each person to his/her own event. It was required that the sprinters run a mile along with four 220's around the track. Distance runners went out on a field course of approximately two miles, only to come in and do another mile around the track. During all of this, the coaches were there to give instruction. They coached on a one-to-one basis with zeal and enthusiasm.

By the time practice was over, everyone was overjoyed to see the weight room. This was the place where one

could finally sit down! Upper body strength was the most worked on in the weight room.

The one thing that really made the team special was the atmosphere of fun and sincerity. Through all the excruciating pain, the team held their humor. As a fun-loving group, they were never depressed. That's what made the team.



1. Shot putters practice the throws needed to be a shot putter.
2. Carolyn Epperly throws the discus.
3. Track team warms up by running.



Swimming

The Power of Mind and Body



“My goals for this year’s girls swim team are to finish in the top three in Divisionals and the top eight in Valley. for the boys, I hope to have them finish in the top two in League,” commented Mr. Mizener, Coach of the Shafter High swim team.

Both the girls and boys teams had increased in size from previous years. The graduation of the many seniors on the girls team caused a great searching process for new swimmers. Because of this, the majority of the team was made up of freshmen. Coach Mizener felt that the girls team was, “About as strong as last year. The team is stronger in some areas and weaker in others.”

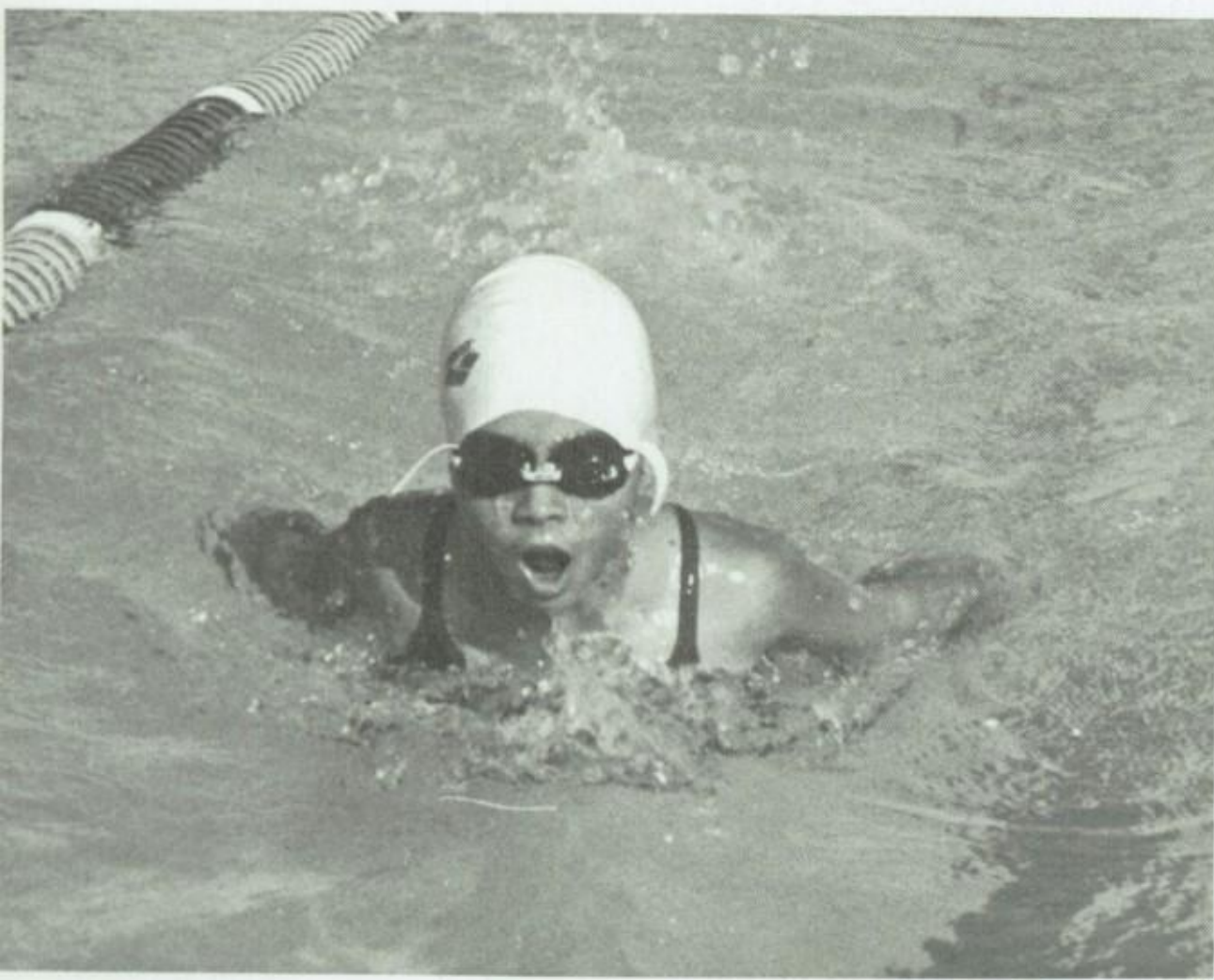
How does one go about creating a winning team? “We start pre-conditioning with weights in the weight room. Once we are in the water, we build up to 5000

yards. Then we put on drag suits. We cut back to 4000 yards and then build up to 5000 yards again. Towards the end of the season, we taper off to build up strength for the big meets,” explained Coach Mizener.

Janet Weidenbach, a senior, said that the reason she was on the swim team was because, “I’ve swam for the past three years and it’s a great way to stay in shape.” Although it was a lot of hard work, it was enjoyable.

When asked what he considered to be the most enjoyable thing about coaching, Coach Mizener answered, “The kids. If it weren’t for the kids, we (the coaches) wouldn’t be here. It was also enjoyable to see the boys team grow and become so promising.”

Although a lot of pain and effort went into swimming, all the swimmers agreed that winning was the pay off.



1. Janet Weidenbach swims hard to finish a 100 yard breaststroke in one of the daily after school practices.

2. Amy Bruce comes up for that desperately needed breath which helps her complete her yardage.

3. A Shafter swimmer reaches for the long awaited wall only to find that another 50 yards is required to complete her event.

1. First row: J. Weidenach, S. Foote, K. Page, J. Folker, A. Bruce, D. Popeney Second row: K. Ping, M. Cooper, M. Wiens, C. Cartnal, J. Cooper, L. Rocha, K. Krause, T. Newman Third row: J. Endes, G. Crawford, M. Schonfield, Asst. Coach S. Sloat, Manager S. Parker, Coach D. Mizener, T. Meeler, K. Zachary, T. Hooge

2. Kevin Edgeman practices his back stroke start in an attempt to bring his time down.



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Team's Opponents
Taft
Garces
Taft Invitational
Coalinga
Wasco
SSL Swimming



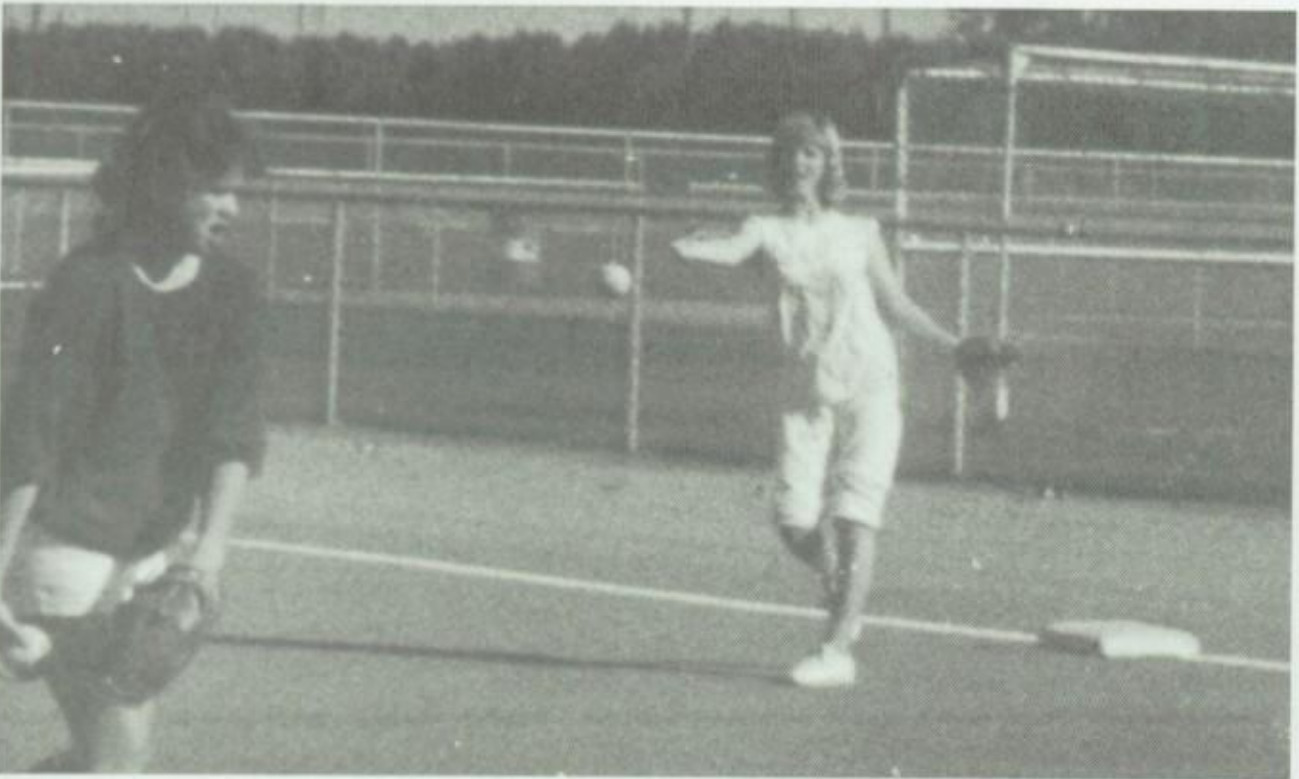
Coach David Mizener



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First row: B. Cooper, D. Bogie, E. Haddox, I. Denny, C. Martinez, C. Acosta, S. Gardner Top row: Asst. Coach S. Sloat, G. Goodspeed, R. Hutchinson, G. Gardner, K. Edgeman, K. Harris, Coach D. Mizener



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1. Jennette Moncur throws the ball infield.
2. Shauna completes her throw.



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Opponents
 Tehachapi
 Arvin
 Porterville
 Foothill
 Corcoran
 Wasco
 Taft
 Garces
 Kern Valley

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Frosh-Soph softball coach Mr. Gallington.



Team members front row; J. Cobb, E. Beltran, T. Carrasco, A. Maldonado, P. Hiriarte, S. Augustin, Second row; S. Boatwright, L. Rodriguez, J. Romanini, N. Livingston, S. Archer, M. Jara, T. Houston, A. Sharp, K. Case, Back row; K. Heinsohn, J. Moncur, S. Tracy, C. Bailey, Coach Gallington, C. Portillo, J. Esclante, T. Wheeler, B. Whitworth.

Frosh-Soph Softball

Spirit

Comes Out on Top

Our Frosh-Soph softball team had a lot of team spirit. All the girls were filled with enthusiasm and team spirit to make up for any losses they may have had.

The girls did exceptionally well. Three of the teams outstanding players were Carla Bailey, Buffie Keeton, and Anna Maldonado. Throughout the season Buffie and Carla were on the ball on the pitcher's mound. Carla, her second year on the team, had a great season of pitching with the help of Buffie Keeton, her first year. Anna Maldonado really showed her stuff on second base.

This was Coach Gallington's second year of coaching. He enjoyed coaching a lot. "I enjoy being outdoors and around sports," stated Coach Gallington. "He works well with people, and he is confident about the team," said Jennette Moncur.



Coach Gallington's confidence in the team really boosted their spirits. "With a coach like him we can't go wrong," stated Jennette Moncur. During a game, if for some reason the girls' confidence was low, Coach Gallington was there to tell them that they could do it!

Practices took place everyday after school. The girls practiced hard. They put their all into their practices in order to play their best in the next game. During practices they covered two basic skills: batting and in-field, out-

field practice.

During the season the girls showed their excellence in softball, and though some may have complained because Gallington pushed them to the limit, for most of them it payed off in the end.



1. Jamie Qugustin practices batting.
2. Noe Livingston pitches an underhand.
3. Kylee Berg hits a grounder.



Varsity Softball

Impressive Describes this team



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"Impressive" was the only word that accurately described the varsity softball team. The team did not lack experience, as they had Sophia Garza, a senior who had been the starting catcher for the Lady Generals the last four years, and Jill Ryan, a junior who was moved up from the frosh-soph team as a freshman and took on the role of the starting pitcher.

The Shafter infield consisted of veterans Debbie Nunlist and Christi Ashe. Debbie Nunlist, who played third base and who also was a relief pitcher, stated that she was going to miss playing softball a lot when she graduated. "Mrs. Shoenhair was a great coach and I've really learned a lot from her," Debbie commented. Christi Ashe, a returning letterman, was the starting first baseman for the team.

The infield was also sparked by a transfer from the high

school of Templeton, Ann Porterfield, who although injured early in the season, showed her great ability as a shortstop. Another transfer from last year's frosh-soph team, Michelle Floyd, who played second base, also added to the team's experience. The outfield was led by returning lettermen Christi Vontz at centerfield.

The team had a very positive outlook. "The infield seemed to be the strongest it's been in several years," Jill Ryan stated. Mrs. Shoenhair said that she was very proud

of this year's team. "Although the outfield consisted of only one returning player, the remaining outfielders are very enthusiastic and extremely strong ball-players."

Mrs. Shoenhair also said she believed that for the first time in many years the softball team had a lot of depth on the bench. She said that hopefully the success and enthusiasm of the team will encourage the younger players to continue playing ball and become a part of the varsity team. "One of the major problems faced by most girls' varsity teams is their lack of dedication to their sport as they become involved in other activities. Hopefully in further seasons there will be a positive change."

Overall, Mrs. Shoenhair was very impressed with the girls this year, but who wouldn't be impressed by such a great team.



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1. Debbie Nunlist keeps her eye out for the ball.
2. It's gonna be another homerun!!
3. Sofie Garza, the catcher for four years on the team, sits ready for the ball.

1. These teammates and close friends take time out to relax.
2. Stacy Enns keeps the sun out of her eyes and plays softball at the same time!



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Opponent
Corcoran
Wasco
Coalinga
Tehachapi
Taft
Garces



Coach Shoenhair takes time of her busy schedule to coach varsity softball.



Front (l to r): K. Bilyeu, D. Campbell, S. Lauderdale, M. Floyd. Second: C. Rodriguez, D. Nunlist, S. Enns, J. Ryan, M. Portillo, S. Gonzalez. Back: B. Garza, C. Vontz, A. Poterfield, C. Ashe, S. Garza, M. Soliz, Coach Shoenhair.



1. Mark Fowler rips one into center field.
2. Brent Cummings catches a pop fly.

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Opponents
Garces
Highland
Corcoran
Taft
Coalinga
Wasco



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Back Row; M. Fowler, B. Nixon, T. Aguilera, Coach Smith R. DeLeon, I. Ott, C. Parish, 2nd Row; O. Garza, F. Aleman, J. Tye, A. Torrigiani, F. Gamboa, R. Mosley, M. Stinnet, R. Ruiz, 3rd Row; A. Rios, D. Rodriguez, C. Villarreal, E. Roach, C. Clark, J. Saldana, P. Guerrero, Front Row; B. Cummings, J. Torrigiani, T. Hernandez, C. Quarry, R. Cordero.

Frosh-Soph Baseball

Young Teams are Rewarding

Soggy was the way a person would describe the beginning of the 1986 freshmen-sophomore baseball season who first league game was rained out March 14.

The team consists of twenty-nine members, all of whom were freshmen except eight sophomores. "The team has gained a lot of energy from the youth of the majority of the members," said Coach Smith. Coach Smith was assisted by Mike Alvidres.

Robert Ruiz and Mark Stinnet, who were starting pitchers last year, were part of the four returners from the year before.

Coach Arly Smith commented that although the team was quite young, he expected them to do just as well as the previous year's teams. He also felt that near two hour practices daily would help round out the team as far as fielding and hitting were concerned.



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Robert Ruiz said that he felt real confident about this year and how the team would perform. He also said that his arm felt just great and he was having no problems there.

Rey Deleon said it felt good being one of the only four returners from last year's team. Tommy Aguilera also said that he felt real positive about the season and he was looking forward to playing some league games.

Coach Smith said, "I expect Wasco to be our toughest

competition, with Taft and Garces following close behind." Smith added that we beat them last year so we can do it again.

Coach Smith thought that with hard practices and lots of intensity that Shafter, even though it had a young team, had a great chance to be among the top teams to take league.

1. Heading out to the field.
2. Felipe jokes with his team members.



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Varsity Baseball

Changes in SHS Baseball



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"This year our goal was to improve in hitting and make the play-offs," replied Coach Fowler.

The 85-86 baseball team was stronger in offense than in defense because of the loss of many valuable players on last years team.

Everyday the team practiced two and a half hours in which they worked on fielding exercises in order to strengthen their defense. They also worked on batting so they could build a strong offense which is a key to a winning team.

The Shafter High baseball team had seven returning lettermen. Seniors Rich Escalante and Abelino Solorio were the leaders of the team; Abelino was also a returning All League player. Johnny Bustos was another returning All Leaguer. These boys added a little extra experience to the team.

Shafter opened up their preseason against West High in a scrimmage. The game gave the team a

chance to play and get some experience before league started.

Due to injuries, there was a lack of players on the varsity team so Coach Fowler moved sophomore Steve Medina, Vistor Villarreal, and BiBi Carrasco up to play.

"I was really glad that I had the opportunity to move up and play on varsity," commented one of the newcomers.

As the team moved closer to league they showed

definite improvement.

On Saturday, March 1, Shafter hosted East High School in a double header. In the first game of the day, Shafter pulled out an 8 to 7 win. In the next game, East came back with a 13 to 6 win. In the next game, East came back with a 13 to 6 win. It was a long day, but the players finished with more confidence.

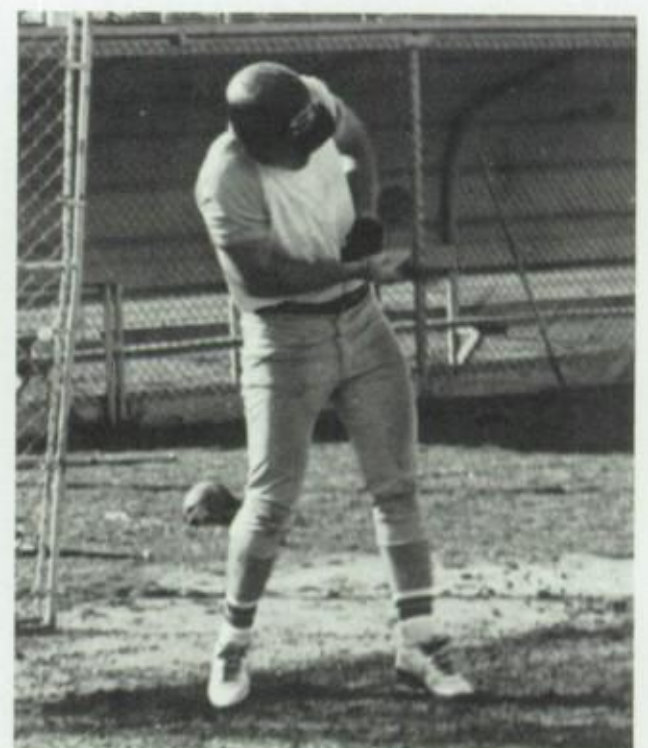
Coach Fowler and his assistant, Kevin Ross, felt that the boys on the team had the attitude and skill to succeed.

"We had some problems on the team but they were able to put them aside and just play baseball," replied Coach Fowler.

This was Coach Fowler's first year as coach but he plans to stay on as coach for years to come.



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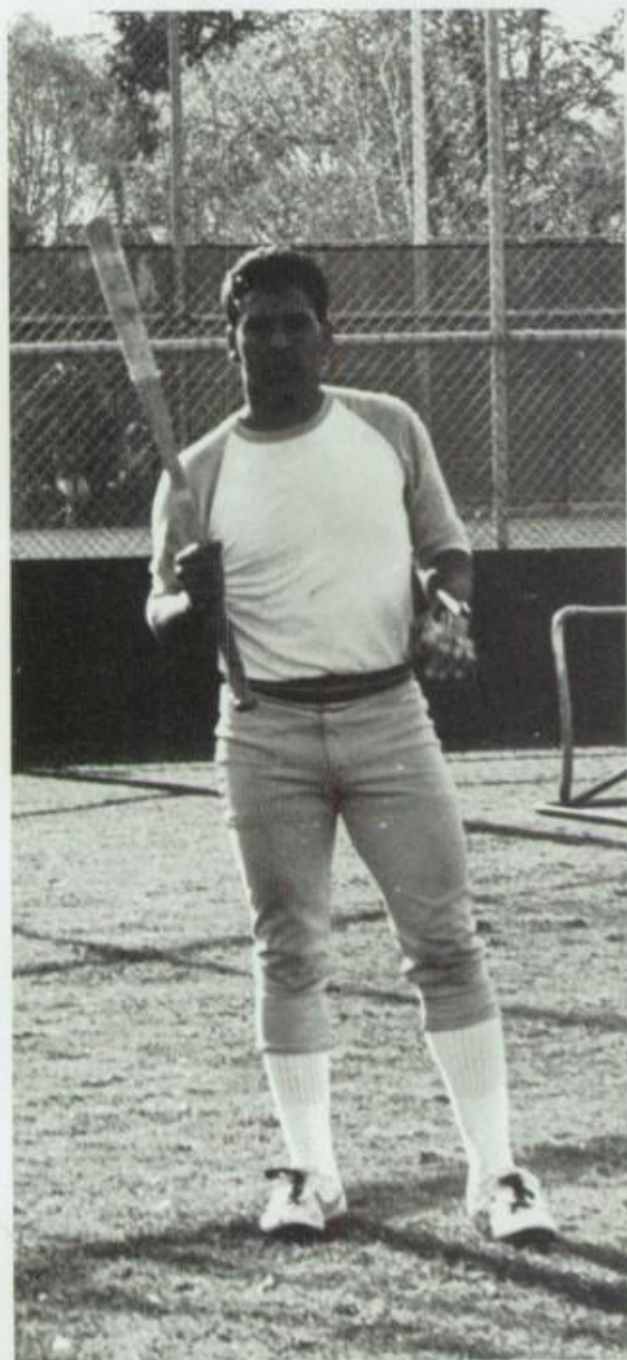
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1. A player works hard during practice to improve his batting average.
2. Senior Craig Cummings tries to bring in a run to tie the score.
3. A dedicated player practices overtime to work on skills.

1. Second baseman, Kelley Walker, tries hard to hit a homerun.
2. Abelino Solorio take time out after a long hard practice.



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OPPONENTS

Corcoran
Taft
Coalinga
Wasco
Garces



Coach Fowler relaxes after a tough game.



Front row: K. Houser, S. Medina, B. Carrasco, C. Cummings, E. Huerta. Second row: A. Solorio, G. Saldana, J. Donnahoe, A. Enciso, O. Castilleja, J. Bustos, K. Walker. Third row: T. Handel, Stats, R. Fanucchi, R. Escalante, V. Villarreal, Coach Fowler, Asst. Coach K. Ross, D. Fager, R. Tracy, L. Pacheco, Stats.

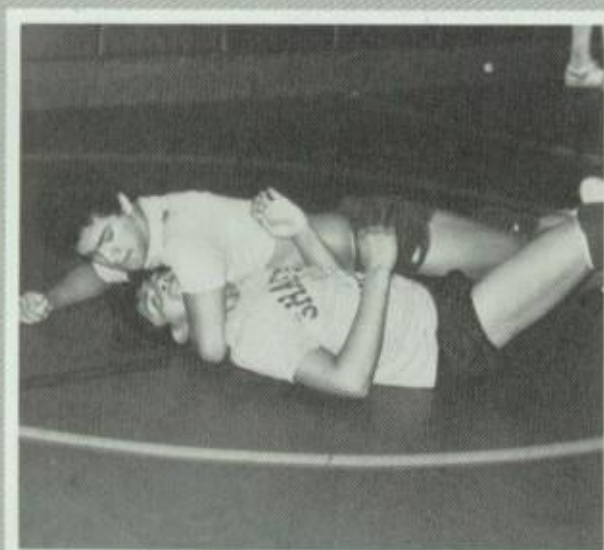


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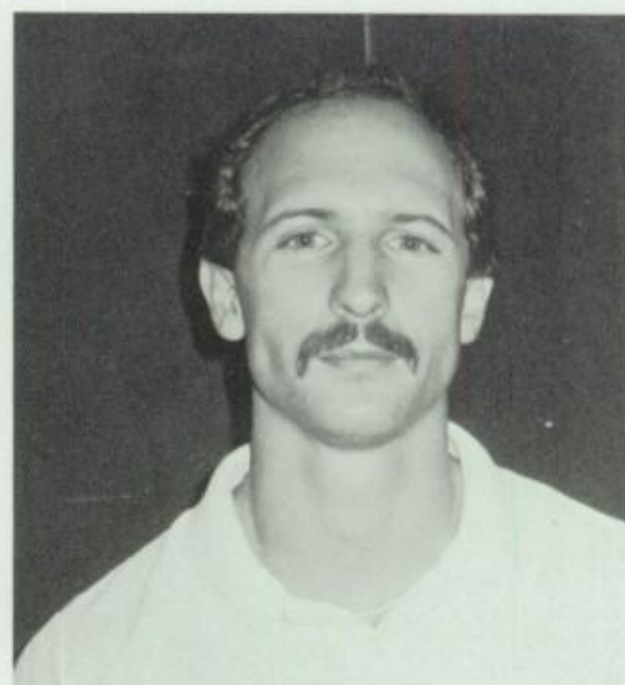
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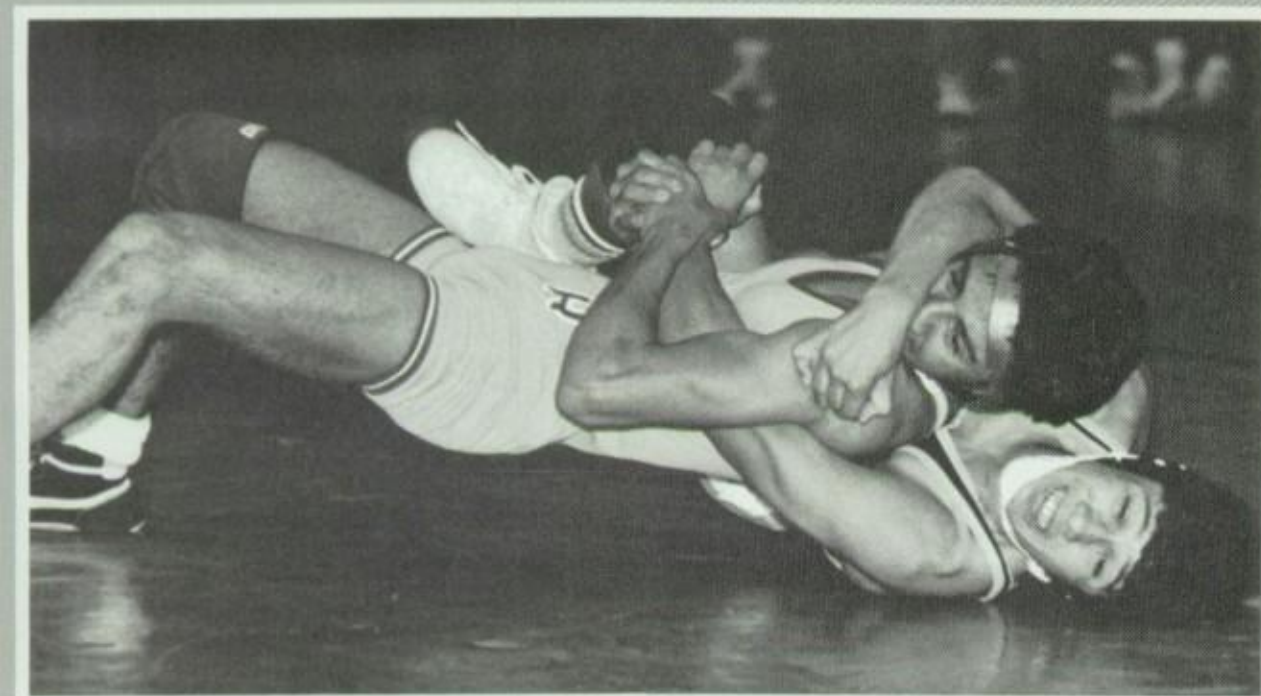
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1. Bloody noses, among other things are but small side effects of the art of wrestling. 3. One of our wrestlers comes from behind to take control. 4. Coach McKinny takes time out to give us a mug shot. 5. Jose Lopez decides during practice that to win you have to be aggressive. 6. A Shafter wrestler takes action and puts it into good use.

Frosh/Soph Wrestling

Pin for the Win!



Shouting and screaming was heard in the gym wherever the Shafter wrestlers were doing their thing. The Frosh/Soph team was small, but showed great potential. No one can tell you that they didn't practice hard. Practice usually started at 2:45 with fifteen minutes of warm ups. The first half of practice was spent in running. The rest was devoted to learning techniques and maneuvers. Practice ended at 5:00, so by that time the team was exhausted. They didn't seem to mind because they were there the next day. Coach McKinney, a former wrestler himself, knew what it takes to make a good wrestler, so he took the initiative to teach the tough skills of wrestling to our guys.

When Coach McKinney was asked which meet he felt was the most outstanding this

year, he answered, "Probably our 1st match with Delano. We didn't win, but our team rallied around our heavy weight and showed a lot of team unity and pride."

Wrestling is just as much mind play as it is physical play.

Coach McKinney felt that Wasco was their toughest opponent, Why? "Because they had some good athletes and large numbers."

The Frosh/Soph wrestlers went to McFarland for the

league tournament and came back with placing 1st, 3rd, and 4th. Ryan Torigiani, Duncan Young, and Wade Waters placed 1st; John Hill at 3rd; Mike Komin and Ray Brown at 4th. This shows that our Frosh/Soph wrestlers used determination and commitment to their matches.



Front Row: M. Komin, S. Perez, J. Hill. 2nd Row: S. Thrasher, C. Vasquez, R. Gonzales, D. Hiebert, S. Diaz, S. Parker. Last Row: R. Hampton, J. Lopez, R. Hill, Coach McKinney, W. Waters, R. Brown, R. Hampton.

Varsity Wrestling

Discipline Is The Key



School on January 30. The highlight of the match was when Jorge Sanchez, a newcomer to the team, received the quickest pin of the night. He was able to pin his opponent in just 20 seconds. The final score of the match was Shafter 41 Avenal 31.

Qualifying for the Divisionals were wrestlers: Terry Vaughn, John Epperly, Louie Maldonado, Ben Elisondo, Kelley Thompson, Sergio Perez, Jorge Sanchez, and Xavier Gomez.

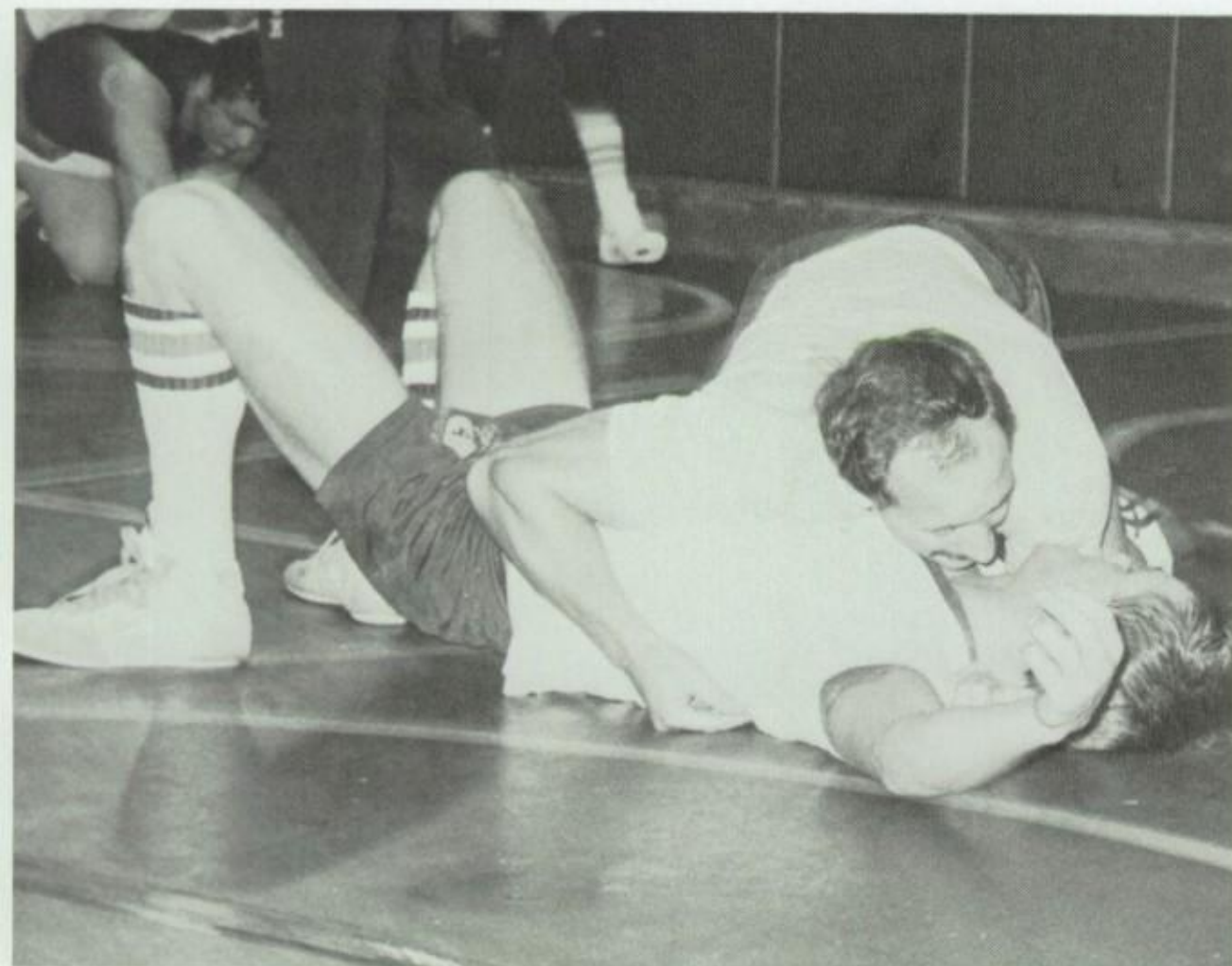
The leaders of the team this year were seniors Terry Vaughn and Louie Maldonado. Terry placed in every tournament and Louie won every league match. This brought an extra special feeling of accomplishment to their senior year. Even though the team ended the season with a 1-3 league record and a 1-8 overall record, the team was very strong individually.

coaches in the past five years, the boys didn't know what the coach expected of them.

"We learned real fast what the coach expected of us and when he said to do something he meant what he said," commented one of the wrestlers.

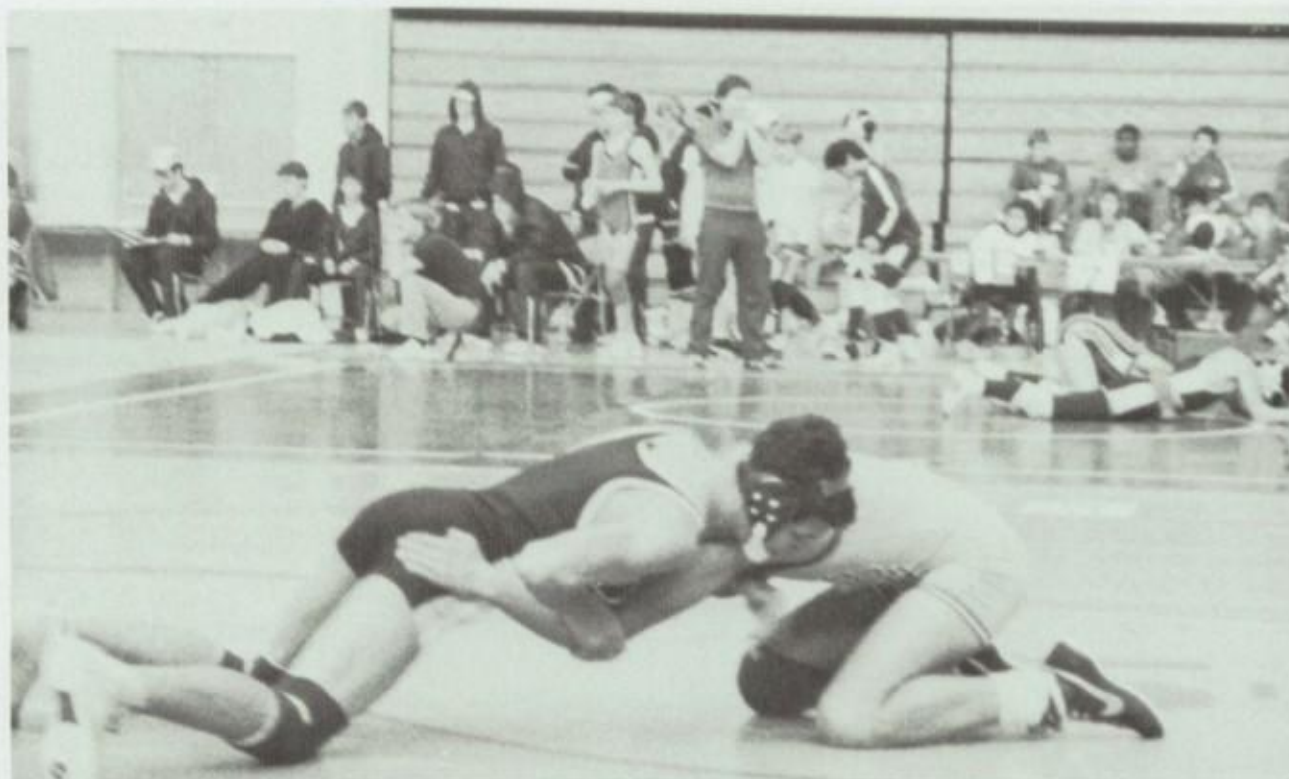
The wrestlers attended the B. C. Rotationals on December 20, 21 which was a team competition. Although the team didn't place it was good experience for the wrestlers in future matches.

Shafter was able to pull out a win over Avenal High



1. Wrestlers warm up before an exciting match with BHS.
2. Coach McKinney shows Terry Vaughn what can happen when he loses his concentration.
3. The wrestlers talk about the strategy they plan to use on their opponents that night.

1. Spectators cheer on the wrestlers as they go for the win.
2. Terry Vaughn attempts to take down his opponent for the pin.



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Shafter		Opponent	
Shafter	33	Delano	42
Shafter	31	West	39
Shafter	7	South	54
Shafter	36	Kern Valley	41
Shafter	17	Arvin	57
Shafter	31	Wasco	37
Shafter	41	Avenal	31
Shafter	33	Coalinga	48
Shafter	30	McFarland	36



Coach McKinney watches one of his wrestlers matches in hopes for a victory.



Front row, l to r: M. Burleson, Mat Maid. B. Elisondo, P. Cloud, Mat Maid. Second row: J. Epperly, S. Valdez, L. Maldonado, X. Gomez. Third row: K. Thompson, R. Torigiani, Coach McKinney, T. Vaughn, P. Miller.



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1. Corina Nieto shoots her free throw.
2. Ena Williams is ready to score another two for Shafter!
3. Lady Colonels make their way to the basket.
4. Corina Nieto shows deep concentration while playing against Wasco.

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Taft



Coach Bob Smith



Front: E. Williams, Coach B. Smith, B. Gomez, A. Plaza Back: P. Vela, N. Livingston, S. Tazioli, E. Rodriguez, S. Tracy, S. Boatwright, C. Nieto, S. Cortez, D. Delozier, R. Rodriguez



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Frosh/Soph Girls Basketball

Blue and Gold All the Way!

What do you get when you combine dedication, endurance, and fifteen enthusiastic girls? The Shafter High Lady Colonels basketball team, of course!

During a typical practice, the girls worked on dribbling, shooting, passing, running, and footwork. The team also worked hard in practice playing both offensively and defensively.

Coach Bob Smith really enjoyed working with the girls. He said that coaching a basketball team taught him to be patient. "I learned how to deal with a variety of situations," he added with a grin.

When asked how he felt about the lady Colonels, Mr. Smith said, "We have a lot of talent. (All but two are freshmen.) When they get more experience, they will be great!"

Freshman Ena Williams said that she really benefitted

from playing basketball. "I've learned to dribble a lot better, and do different moves, pivots, and drop steps."

Ena's favorite game was the Garces game. At half time the Rams lead 9-4. They continued to hold the lead in the third quarter, 13-10. But in the final quarter of the game the score was tied 16-16. With 1:04 left, one of the Garces players made a free throw giving them the game at 17-16.

The team's greatest strength was knowing how to

work as one and be a real team.

Since there were many freshman who didn't have a lot of experience, the team wasn't especially successful this year. One example of this was the game against the Taft Bob Cats as the girls had trouble holding the full court defense that the Bob Cats dealt out.

Coach Smith said the girls made mistakes, but they learned from them and continued to play better and better.

Even though some of the games were discouraging, the girls remained determined and kept a bright smile on their faces.



Frosh-Soph Boys Basketball

Teamwork Number One



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When asked what the key ingredients for a good basketball team were, Coach Gary Kern stated that 100% effort and teamwork were #1.

And the 1985-86 Frosh-Soph boys basketball team were really number one. While remaining undefeated during their first 9 games of the season, the boys were an impressive team with great defense and very commendable attitudes.

Coach Kern said that this year, he had more good players on his team than he has ever had before.

When asked, the team said that Taft and Wasco were the most worthy opponents of the year. "Taft's defense was great and we really had to work hard," Mark Fowler, a sophomore on the team stated. He also said that the reason Wasco was a good game was because of the compe-

tition between the two rivals.

Ending the season with a 9-1 record made the team very proud of all their hard work.

Bryan Nixon, a freshman and newcomer to the basketball team said that basketball in High School is a lot different than in Jr. High. He stated that he really enjoyed the competition of the sport and was proud to be a part of the team.

Stevie Medina, a returning letterman to the team

stated that he believed the team had improved this year. "All of the guys work well together and it shows in the way we play."

Defeat was one word that the Colonels didn't relate too well in this season.

The returning lettermen to the team were Stevie Medina, Mark Fowler, Brent Cummings, Duane Bowman, Victor Villarreal, Robert Mosely, Eddie O'Brien and Tommy Agulara. Along with the new players, these boys really showed everyone what teamwork meant.



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1. Victor prepares to sink another freethrow against Garces.
2. Stevie Medina dribbles the ball through the Wasco press.
3. Coach Kern is going over the game plan.

1. Cordell Watson sinks a freethrow against Coalinga.
2. Mark Fowler is about to sink a bucket against Wasco.



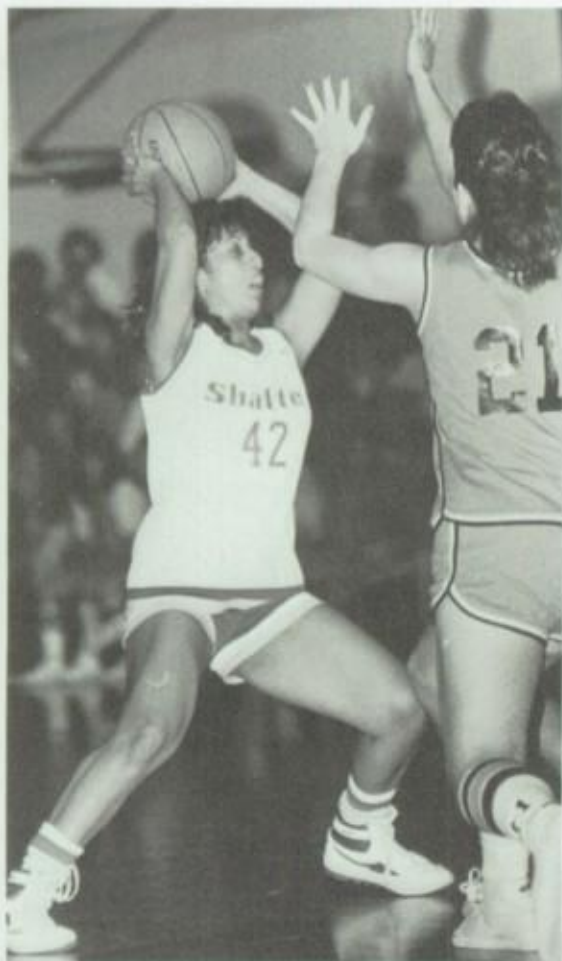
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Shafter		Opponent	
Shafter	41	Garces	29
Shafter	49	Coalinga	25
Shafter	57	Corcoran	41
Shafter	49	Wasco	33
Shafter	47	Taft	40
Shafter	39	Garces	32
Shafter	45	Coalinga	15
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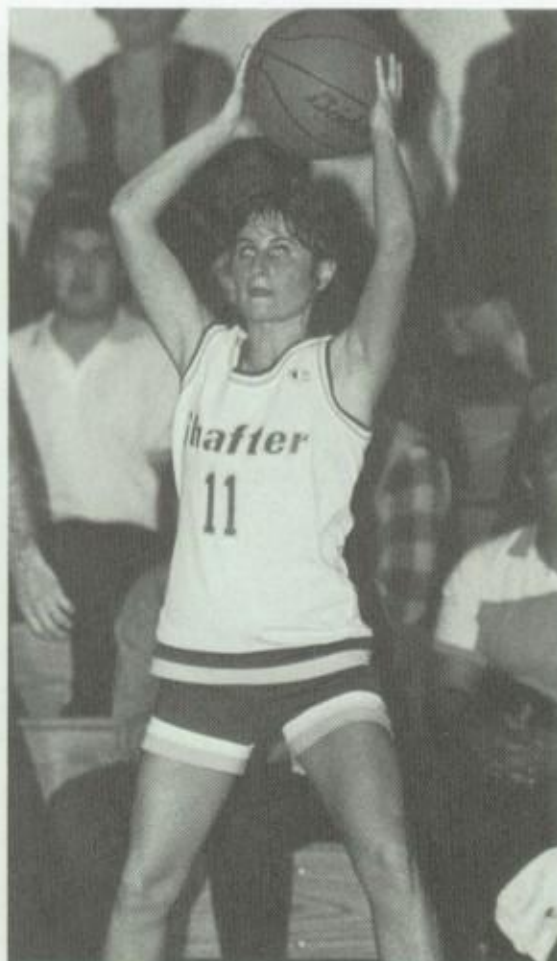


Front: B. Cummings, C. Ruiz, D. Boman, Coach Kern, M. Stinnett, M. Carrasco, S. Medina. Back: J. Rodriguez, B. Nixon, K. Edgmon, M. Lucas, C. Watson, M. Fowler, E. O'Brien, D. Bloemhof, J. Cauley, V. Villarreal, I. Ott.

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1. Thomasina Leal makes a shot.
2. Kelly Salcido goes for two.

ched. His answer was simply "I love basketball and I enjoy working with the girls - their fun as a team." The girls themselves joined the team because they enjoyed the sport and the competition.

Shafter 33 - West 39
 Shafter 54 - Tehachapi 49
 Shafter 47 - Kern Valley 38
 Shafter 36 - Foothill 33
 Shafter 45 - Foothill 39
 Shafter 48 - Taft 52
 Shafter 43 - Highland 28

Shafter 38 - Arvin 22
 Shafter 40 - Delano 50
 Shafter 51 - Garces 38
 Shafter 58 - Coalinga 24
 Shafter 40 - Wasco 52
 Shafter 37 - Taft 54
 Shafter 34 - Corcoran 49



Front row: K. Quinn, Coach Larson, I. Esquivel, second row: S. Gonzalez, C. Vontz, J. Endes, E. Leal, T. Handel, T. Leal, L. Pacheco

Varsity Girls Basketball

Slam Dunk To Jam for Two

The seconds were slowly ticking away. The varsity girls needed only three points to win against Foothill. Coach Larson called a time out. The team came back out with a different look, a look of determination. It was pure destiny that they won by three.

The varsity girls' coach, Mr. Larson had a lot to say about his team. He was proud of the fact that his team had the highest scoring record in girls basketball history at Shafter High. "We're better on offense because of our scoring techniques," he stated. There seemed to be no end to the team's talent.

Shafter girls varsity won 8 games out of 14. The hardest game for them was against Delano. They lost by ten but not without a fight. Christi Vontz was their long shooter, while Jennifer Endes was one of the more physical players with nice



rebounding. Thomasina Leal was a great help in the spirit section and Eleanor Leal was the shooter on the inside and Kelly Salcido was their main shooting star.

Whether the varsity girls won or lost, they always got a big applause. This applause was not necessarily for winning but for their effort and determination.

The varsity team went above and beyond the call of duty in everything they did. They went after every hard line, every shot, and every new play with grim determina-

tion. They were willing to spend two hours every day on practices.

The players were Kelly Salcido, Christi Vontz, Jennifer Endes, Thomasina Leal, Eleanor Leal, Sara Gonzalez, Tina Pierce, Lisa Pacheco, Tami Handel, Cheri Romero, Sharon Shamblin, Karen Quinn, and Irma Esquivel.

Out of the starting line up three players have played together for over three years. "We work well together because we've played together for three years," remarked Eleanor Leal.

The varsity team had the attitude that no matter how the other team played they were going to play better. This contributed to their wins and 604 points total. Their games were always intense and full of excitement.

Mr. Larson seemed surprised when asked why he coa-

1. Varsity girls coach Mr. Larson
2. Thomasina being guarded by Garces.



Boys' Varsity Basketball

On The Rim Of Success



When asked what the best game of the year for the varsity basketball players was, Mr. Fortenberry stated, "the Tehachapi game. That game was special because the team played with so much confidence and enthusiasm." Mr. Fortenberry also commented, "In the Tehachapi game they passed the ball as well as any team I have ever coached."

The varsity boys showed their skills in playing basketball by ending the pre-season with a record of 8-4. During the pre-season games Shafter High's varsity basketball team played in two tournaments, the Kern County Tournament, where Mario Jimenez was picked to be All Tournament, and the Bishop Tournament, where David Brooks and Abelino Solorio were also chosen All Tournament. When asked how he felt playing on the team his senior year, Mario stated that he enjoyed playing basketball and that he will miss the coach and

his teammates.

Shafter High's varsity basketball team started their season out with a close loss to the Garces Rams. Their next game was against Coalinga which they won 58 to 37. This brought the team to a 1-1 record. The generals then battled Corcoran, but lost 57 to 65. Shafter's varsity boys again tied up their record with a win against our rivals, the Wasco Tigers.

On February 4, the team traveled to Taft for their next game, but were defeated 39 to 45. That Friday

Shafter hosted the Garces Rams for their second try to defeat them. With determination and skillful playing, the varsity boys won 45 to 43, in overtime. This brought their record to a 3-3 tie.

The varsity boys kept up their winning streak in their next two home games, which were against Coalinga and Corcoran.

The varsity boys played their last two games of their season with Wasco, our rivals, and the Taft Wildcats. The varsity basketball team had a great year with the help of their coach, Mr. Fortenberry and their two captains Mario Jimenez and David Brooks.

Most of the teammates agreed that one reason they enjoyed being on the varsity basketball team was that they all got along well with each other and with their coach.



1. Greg Goodspeed scores a point for the Generals.
2. Mario Jimenez demonstrates his high flying jumpshot.
3. With determination, David Brooks fights to make a basket.
4. Surrounded by three opponents, David Brooks grasps for the ball.
5. Abelino Solorio shoots for 2 pts.



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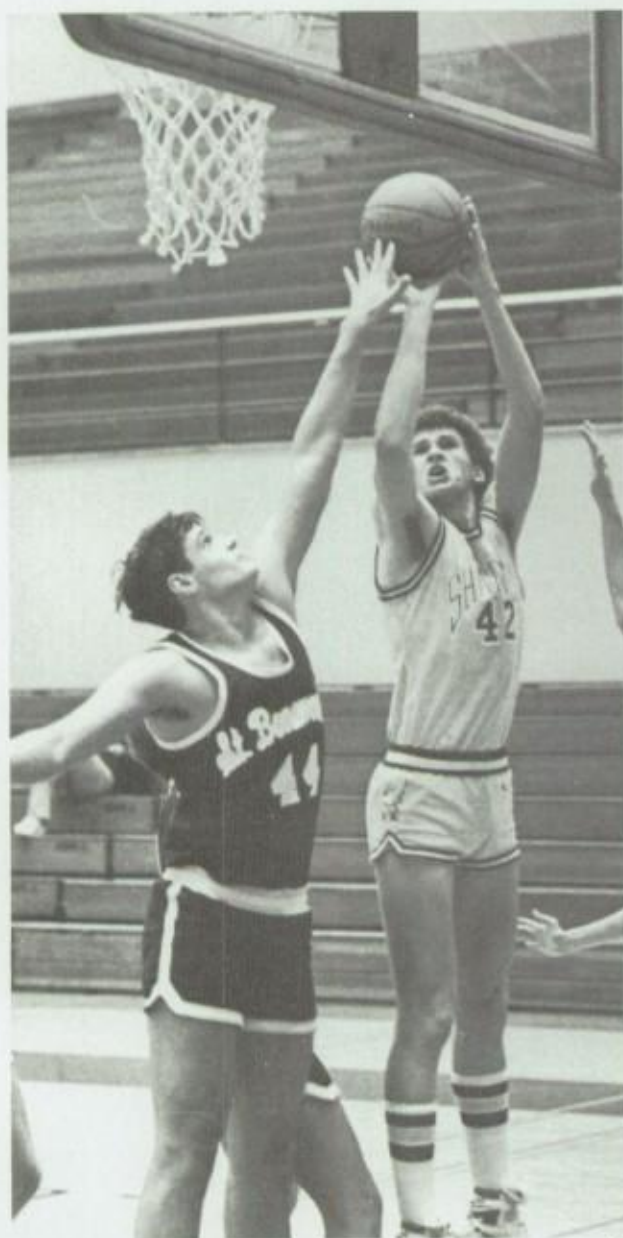


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SHS 42	Garces	44
SHS 58	Coalinga	37
SHS 57	Corcoran	65
SHS 59	Wasco	41
SHS 39	Taft	45
SHS 45	Garces	43
SHS 59	Coalinga	41
SHS 68	Corcoran	52
SHS 71	Wasco	51
SHS 54	Taft	60



Mr. Fortenberry, Coach



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Front row: R. Alvidrez, M. Rodriguez, Mr. Fortenberry, A. Solorio, C. Cummings Back row: G. Brock, J. Miller, B. Williams, G. Goodspeed, D. Brooks, M. Jimenez, P. Miller, I. Lopez.



1. Kerri Page gets ready to take the ball down field.
2. Coach Barbara Gladden observes the game from the sidelines.

SHS	East
SHS	South
SHS	Wasco
SHS	North
SHS	West
SHS	BHS
SHS	Foothill
SHS	Garces
SHS	South
SHS	North
SHS	West
SHS	Highland
SHS	BHS
SHS	East



The team members from left to right: Front row; M. Rios, J. Gonzales, V. Rickman, K. Page. Second row; S. Garcia, M. Palomo, M. Larsen, C. Cartnel, K. Steele, G. Hernandez. Back row; Coach B. Gladden, G. Espudo, M. Castellon, M. Cordoba, C. Harmer, B. Berunda, and J. Laughlin.

Girls Soccer

A Goal To Reach the Top.

Team unity! That's definitely what the Shafter High School girls soccer team had. Out on the field and during practice the team worked hard together.

The team originally started out with twenty-seven players and gradually dropped to sixteen.

Four days a week the girls met for practice to prepare for the next game. At each practice they covered everything from conditioning to skills to tactics.

Both on and off the field the girls played good. Even though they only won one game, the girls kept their spirit by looking forward to the next game. "Every coach in the league commented on the girls' positive attitude and the fact they never gave up," said coach Barbara Gladden. At a game against Highland the girls showed their

true character by refusing the referees request to call the game early. "Our girls have a lot of pride," stated coach Gladden.

As Shafter High School girls soccer coach, this was Barbara Gladden's first year. She had been involved in other ways locally with soccer for six years and had coached for two.

The girls on the team enjoyed having Barbara Gladden as a coach. "Barbara was more than a coach to us, she was a friend too," stated one of the team members.

When asked what she liked most about coaching the girls, Barbara Gladden replied, "I am proud of those sixteen girls. They all contributed a great amount of effort to the team and I admire their fortitude."



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1. Barbara Gladden confers with a few of the team members.
2. Gina Espudo gets ready to throw the ball to her teammates on the field.
3. Margarete Castellon attempts to take the ball away from a South High opponent, with the help of fellow team member Melissa Palomo.



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Boys Soccer

Young Players Gain Experience



It was a cold winter night. A group of people in shorts gathered together to analyze their game plan. What did they do? What were they doing?

Soccer. They were playing one of the most demanding athletic sport known. The soccer program attracted those twenty-one athletes that would give the effort needed for the game. Coach Grady commented, "The players gave a 100% effort in every game."

Although the soccer team was 0-10-2, they played with unity and played well together. This unity will continue to grow for a while because the majority of the team members were underclassmen. Coach Grady said, "The fact that we had a lot of young players on the team will help us for the next 2 or 3 years

to come."

Although their record didn't show it, the soccer team was a hard team to beat. Other team coaches commented on how well the team played together and how tough of a team they were.

At one point in the season South High was number one in league. When Shafter played them, our team

played well and hung tough to lose by a slim margin of 3 to 1. The only team to really overpower them was Garces who was one of the top ranking soccer teams in the county.

George Gardner explains, "We had a lot of strong potential on the team. With a little better practice and a stronger coaching staff, I feel that we could have placed higher in league."

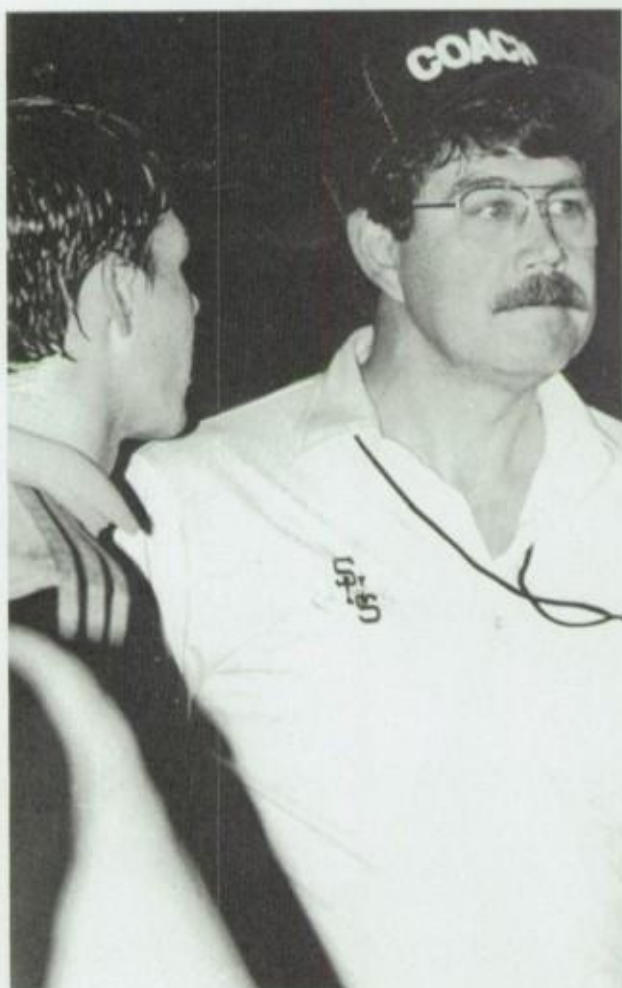
Terry Morland said, "Even though we didn't do so well in placings, we still had enough fun to make the season interesting."

If this year's soccer team learned anything about a team it would be unity and dedication. Even when they were losing they gave 100% effort to continue the Shafter High tradition of PRIDE.



1. Eddie Ballard kicks in the open field.
2. A mob of Shafter Generals defend their territory.
3. Andres Rios puts the ball back into action.

1. Kelly Cargill dribbles through some tough opponents.
2. Coach Grady gives Eddie Ballard some winning advice.



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Opponents:

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Wasco
East Bakersfield
South
Arvin
North
West
BHS
Foothill
Garces



Shafter moves the ball.



Front row: M. Romanini, D. Bogie, J. Torez, T. Shineflew, K. Firkins. 2nd row: K. Cargill, T. Morland, V. Zyamora, B. Kloeppel, C. Clark, A. Rios, M. Escalante, J. Hurst. Back row: E. Ballard, B Cooper, G. Gardner, M. Marker, Coach Grady, S. Gardner, L. Torez, L. Rayes, C. Arnell.



Joe Arismendez is making a strong impression for Shafter High.

North/West (Scrim)
 Delano
 Wasco Inv.
 Highland/BHS
 Hanford Inv.
 South/Arvin
 Golden West Inv.
 Coalinga/Wasco
 Garces/Wasco
 Taft/Garces
 Kern County Inv.
 S.S.L.
 South Area
 CIF Valley
 Northern Calif.



Joe Arismendez and Mark Forehand are pulling out for the finish.



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1. Beatrice Gomez is running towards her goal to be among the top rated girls in the county.
2. Hector Hernandez, Mark Forehand, Coach Jim Garber, Chris Acosta, Chris Martinez, Renee Pacheco, Joe Arismendez, Beatrice Gomez.



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Cross Country

Personal Best

The runners stand tense and expectant at the starting line. They wait for the starting signal and then the gun goes off!

This was a familiar scene to the Shafter High Cross Country runners. The runners, which were Renee Pacheco, Beatrice Gomez, Joe Arismendez, Hector Hernandez, Mark Forehand, Chris Martinez, Ed Castellon, and Chris Acosta, competed all over Kern County. Some meets were held at schools in Hanford, Wasco, and Taft, but the majority of the meets were run in Bakersfield.

The Cross Country team members had an average of two meets a week and on the days they weren't competing they practiced one and a half hours a day. Some members of the team even started as early as August.

The cross country coach, back for the second year, was Jim Garber. Coach Garber commented about the team members: "They were a good group to

coach because they worked hard." The meet that was most memorable to Garber was the dual meet against East. "It was a home meet and my first victory as the cross country coach."

Next year Coach Garber and six team members will be back. Garber said that it's "especially exciting that all but two runners will be returning."

Throughout the year, the cross country team worked hard, devoted much time and ran for all they were worth. The cross country team ran strong for Shafter.



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1. Coach Garber explains the team's performance 2 in the meet.
2. Hector Hernandez is pulling out in front for the lead.
3. Joe Arismendez and Hector Hernandez get ready for the gun.

Frosh-Soph Volleyball

Season Of Building Skill



then they'd get the lead. That was a challenging match, but we finally won." By looking at the frosh-soph record the hard practices and teamwork don't show up but Coach Maxwell stated that "the games were real close."

The members of the frosh-soph volleyball team were Carla Bailey, Deanne Reiger, Tami Rekosh, Irma Esquivel, Julie Escalante, Stephanie Tracy, Tina Bender, Trish Carrasco, Jerrise Cobb, Dawnielle Delozier, Kari Heinsohn, Buffie Keeton, Kristi Krause, Kari Page, and Tina

Pierce.

Irma Esquivel was considered the most valuable player by Coach Maxwell. He commented, "she made a great effort and did well at the games." Deanne Regier said that "the season wasn't the easiest, but I enjoyed myself and the new friends I made."

Overall the season went good considering the inexperience of the team. Carla Bailey commented, "All in all we were a pretty young team, but with teamwork we had a good time playing."



1. Buffie Keeton sets up the ball for a spike.
2. Coach Garber encourages the volleyball team onto victory.

1. Lady Colonel reaches high to block the ball.
2. K. Hensohn gets ready to bump the ball.



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McFarland
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Tehachapi
Foothill
Kern Valley
Delano
Taft
Corcoran
Wasco
Garces
Coalinga



Lady Colonel applies her skill of bumping the ball during a game.



Front (l to r): T. Barton, J. Cobb, T. Carrasco, K. Krause, I. Torres, T. Bender Second: B. Keeton, N. Howard, K. Page, T. Mathis, L. Link, K. Nickel, T. Pierce Back: Manager, T. Ellington, D. Regier, S. Tracy, J. Escalante, D. Delozier, C. Bailey, T. Rekosh, K. Hensohn, Coach, Mr. Maxwell.

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1. Christi Vontz #10 Laurie Jimenez #24 and Debbie Nunlist listen to instructions from Mrs. Shoenhair about the game.
2. Laurie Jimenez shows us one of her best shots at the volleyball game.

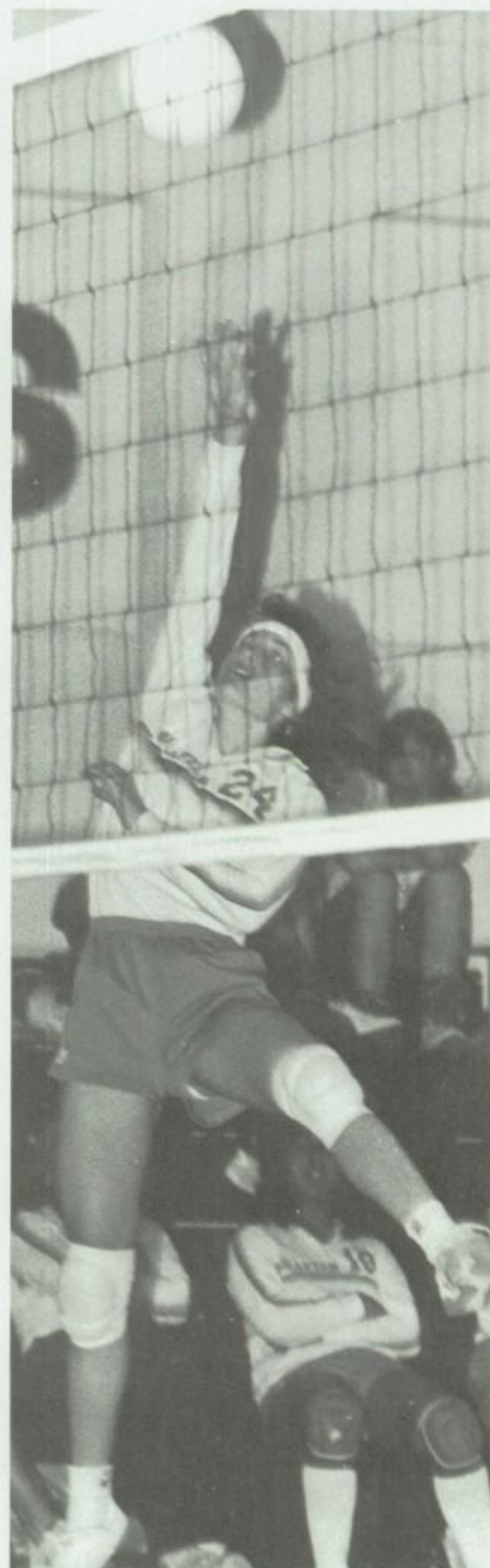
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Coalinga	9-15	13-15	
Garces	3-15	15-10	15-13
Wasco	12-15	12-15	
Taft	10-15	13-15	
Corcoran	15-5	14-16	15-12
Coalinga	15-3	15-5	
Garces	11-15	15-5	
Wasco	15-9	5-15	13-15
Taft	6-16	15-7	15-3
Corcoran	15-3	15-11	



Mrs. Shoenhair, Varsity Volleyball Coach



Front row: S. Gonzalez, K. Salcido, M. Suamela, and D. Nunlist. Middle row: S. Garza, L. Pacheco, S. Enns, M. Portillo, L. Jimenez, and C. Vontz. Back row: J. Endes, manager, E. Leal, C. Maynard, K. Poussa, Mrs. Shoenhair, coach, T. Leal, B. Garza, B. Sapp, and Big John.



Varsity Volleyball

Friends On The Court

“They were the best volleyball team,” stated Mrs. Shoenhair, “since Shafter High started playing volleyball.” The varsity volleyball girls worked well together because they were all close friends.

Mrs. Shoenhair also stated that they were the best skilled team Shafter High has had since she started working as the varsity volleyball coach.

One of the many times the girls showed their skill was when they played Garces, which everyone agreed was their best game of the year. It took the girls three tough games to beat the Rams.

The girls' varsity volleyball season began with a loss to Coalinga, but soon after they won their game with Garces which made them 1-1. The varsity girls then lost two of their games, one with Wasco, our rival, and the other against Taft.

This brought them to a record of 1-3. Even though the games were not going as well as they had wished, the team did not give up and finally their hard work and determination paid off with three wins against Corcoran, Coalinga and Garces. This gave them a 4-3 record.

The girls next game was against Wasco once again. They could not pull through with a win, but in the last two games the varsity girls came out with two victories which gave them a 6-4 record for the season.

With the help of Kelly Salcido and Debbie Nulist as co-captains and Mrs. Shoenhair's wonderful coaching ability, the varsity volleyball team finished fourth in the league. This meant they only needed two more wins to be league champions.

An outstanding player on the girls varsity team was Kelly Salcido. Kelly was elected to play on the all league team and the all area team, which was a great honor to be chosen for.

When asked what the girls liked best about being on the varsity volleyball team, Thomasina Leal stated that she really liked the fact that they were all close friends. Mrs. Shoenhair commented, “The girls were a real pleasure to work with.”



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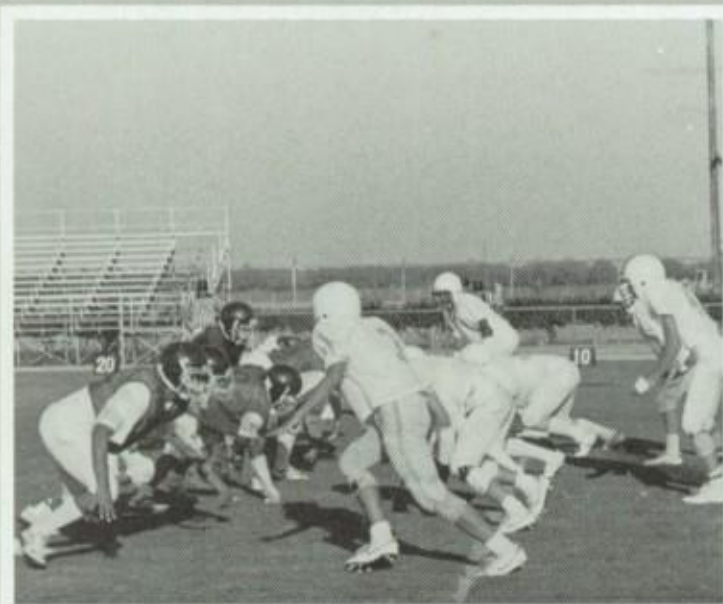
1. A lady Shafter General blocks the ball.
2. Debbie Nunlist attempts to spike the ball.
3. Kellie Salcido runs toward the ball to be in a position to return it.



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Frosh-Soph Football

Dedication, Strive, Sweat



ecstatic, and lost confidence was restored and built up.

It takes people working together to accomplish tasks. Have you ever realized that the team went into the lockers at 4:00 pm on game nights? The games started at 5:30 pm and it didn't take an hour and a half to get dressed. They took the time to mentally prepare themselves. This was an important part of every game. They had to psyche themselves up for the "battle" so to speak. The colonels proved to be a really good team. Overall, the team did really well! They're going up!

Well, football season was around again, but this year there were changes. Improvement was seen and intensity was great. The coach was a newcomer to the game. Before, he had coached baseball, but he decided to try a new twist. Coach Gary Fowler was the one.

Football, is a tough, skillful game. All the mental preparation and the two-hour daily practices took dedication - dedication to strive, sweat, and survive.

The Frosh-Soph team began in the summer, training for the time to show their stuff. Having had a lax and carefree summer, most found pre-season training hard to get used to at first. Freshmen player, Mike Komin said, "Pre-season practice was hard to get used to. I didn't run over the summer; it was pretty tough work." But, as the days started going by, the

team started getting into shape, getting used to the seemingly long practices.

Common goals among the new-coming players were to learn all they could about the game and to put their knowledge to use. The returning players only wanted to improve their game and to do the best they could.

Everyone knows the thrill of victory is enormous, and it first came for our team on Friday, September 28th, 1985. Our Colonels beat Tehachapi 15-14. The team was



1. The Colonels practice play after play to use in their games.
2. Coach Fowler gives directions to one of his players.
3. Coach Smith takes time to explain the game of football.



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1. Brian Nixon looks for an opening to throw the ball.
3. Coach Fowler tells a player the importance of his position.



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Shafter 7	East 14
Shafter 0	Kern Valley 0
Shafter 15	Tehachapi 14
Shafter 14	Porterville 6
Shafter 14	Delano 13
Shafter 20	Corcoran 0
Shafter 22	Taft 32
Shafter 14	Garcas 13
Shafter 32	Coalinga 7
Shafter 14	Wasco 7



2. Practice is fun when you get to dogpile!



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4. Front Row: J. Tye, D. Stanley, E. Howard, D. Rodriguez, S. Floyd, K. Ringer, M. Komin, J. Torigiani. 2nd Row: F. Gamboa, J. Saldana, L. Gamble, B. Carrasco, T. Ramirez, A. Torrigiani, P. Guerrero, C. Quarry, B. Gladden. 3rd Row: J. Sudaria, N. Hamilton, A. Garcia, J. To-var, Coach Fowler, Coach Smith, S. Ramirez, R. Mosley, E. Aleman, M. Carrasco. 4th Row: F. Hiriarte, O. Garza, M. Lopez, T. Yanez, B. Cummings, T. Morland, B. Thomas, T. Aguilera, C. Ruiz, E. Garza, E. Johnson. 5th Row: E. Ballard, C. Parish, H. Soliz, C. Terrell, M. Howard, S. Gardner, S. Cloud, T. Toretta, B. Nixon, M. Marler, S. Vasquez. Last Row: B. Martinez, R. Nichols, J. Alarcon, V. Villarreal, G. Rodriguez, D. Bloemhof, R. Deleon, I. Ott, T. Dobbs, M. Lucas, E. O'Brien.



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1. Israel Lopez hands off to Richie Escalante.
2. Everything has to be just right for the Kick-Off.

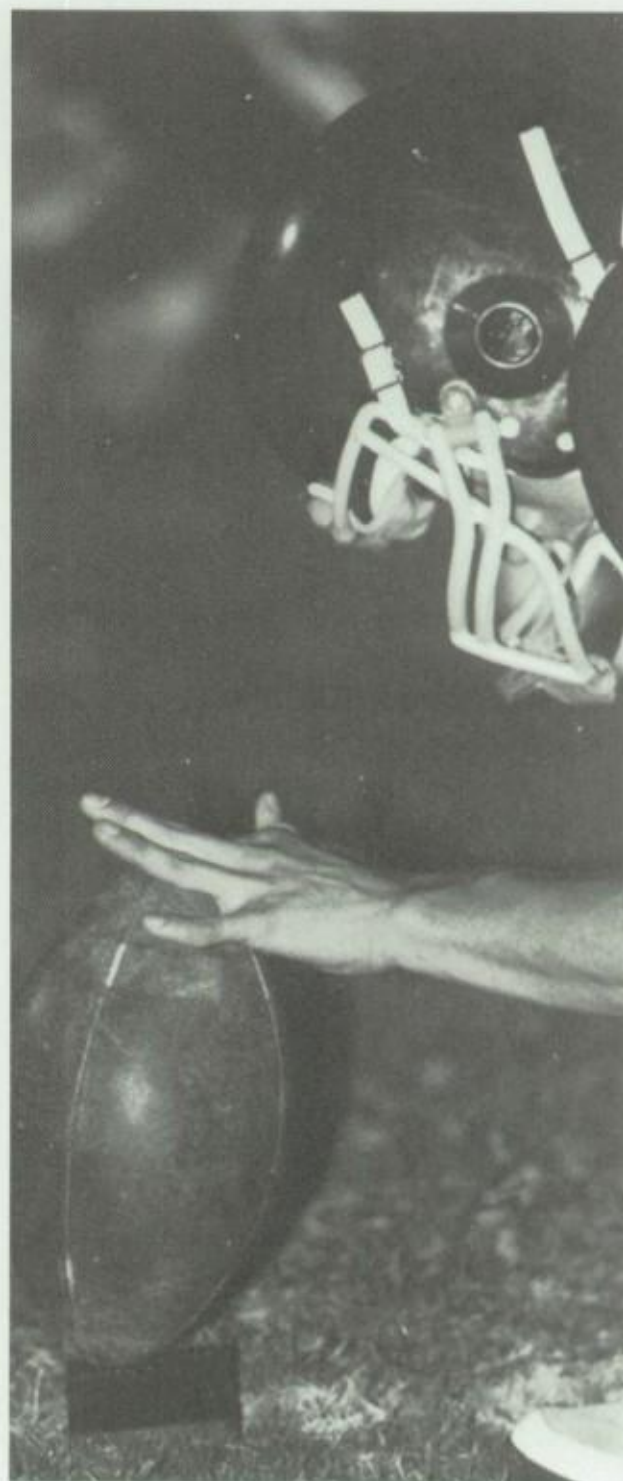
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Shafter 0	Taft 13
Shafter 22	Garces 37
Shafter 28	Coalinga 6
Shafter 31	Wasco 3
Shafter 16	Selma 12
Shafter 37	Dos Palos 14



"Our number 1 goal was to make football fun." - Coach Stuebbe -



Front Row: R. Canales, K. Houser, T. Nickell, M. Cavazos, S. Medina, L. Flores, C. Cummings. 2nd Row: J. Sudaria, A. Martinez, J. Epperly, K. Walker, X. Gomez, R. Cavazos, J. Heiser, A. Solorio. 3rd Row: D. Haworth, J. Belcher, O. Miller, Coach Meeler, Coach Hood, Coach Stuebbe, Coach Kern, Mr. Rekosh, A. Enciso, M. Rodriguez. 4th Row: J. Bustos, R. Ramirez, G. Saldana, R. Fanucchi, R. Rodriguez, G. Gardner, T. Tracy, L. Villa, I. Lopez. 5th Row: W. Weishaar, J., R. Kilgore, C. Arnall, M. Self, J. Mirelez, C. Neito, B. Hyer, B. Cooper, S. Britt. Last Row: M. Fowler, M. Weis, S. Nickel, M. Boatwright, R. Escalante, D. Filkins, L. Miller, L. Henning, M. Jimenez, R. Tracy.



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Varsity Football

Tradition to Persevere



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While most students tried to make the last months of summer last, the Varsity football team practiced and practiced under a new head coach, Jan Stuebbe.

This was the second time Stuebbe had been head coach at Shafter High. Coach Stuebbe enjoyed coaching the Generals. For Coach Stuebbe, being, simply part of the Shafter Generals tradition of persevering was exciting. Jim Heiser commented that persevering was Coach Stuebbe's favorite word and Stuebbe fully believed that the Shafter Generals would and could persevere no matter what challenges were presented.

Coach Stuebbe had the opportunity to coach at Bakersfield College but instead he chose to come to Shafter. He felt it was difficult to go to BC but it was easy to come to Shafter High. "I think now, that you have to coach at the school, you teach at. It was hard going between two schools."

He was asked, is it more difficult to coach BC or SHS; He replied, "At BC I was just involved with the QB at a very in depth level. At SHS I was in charge of the entire program which I enjoyed. It was a challenge and very rewarding", he answered.

Coach Stuebbe's goal for the team were: 1. Have fun; 2. Act like winners; 3. Make the playoffs. He believed the Shafter Generals

reached the first two goals and they definitely reached the third.

When asked about the team in general, Coach Stuebbe replied, "We had a fine group of seniors led by quarterback Israel Lopez, Mario Jiminez, Cesar Nieto, John Bustos, Walt Weishaar, Lee Henning, Richie Escalante, Abelino Solorio, and Craig Cummings.

A senior, Mario Jiminez, was asked about the Shafter General's defense and he felt they had a strong defense which he felt resulted from extensive practice and weight training. It is not surprising that a team member and his coach has similar ideas concerning the importance of training. When Coach Stuebbe was asked about his plans next year, his main goal was to make the team stronger through lifting weights and more practice. Practice makes perfect. Now that's a tradition of persevering.



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1. General player Craig Cummings tackles the player of the opponent team, Kern Valley. He plays the game as it was meant to be - TOUGH!!!

2. Generals break the traditional run-through during halftime.

3. Johnny Bustos spots and opening and runs toward a TD.

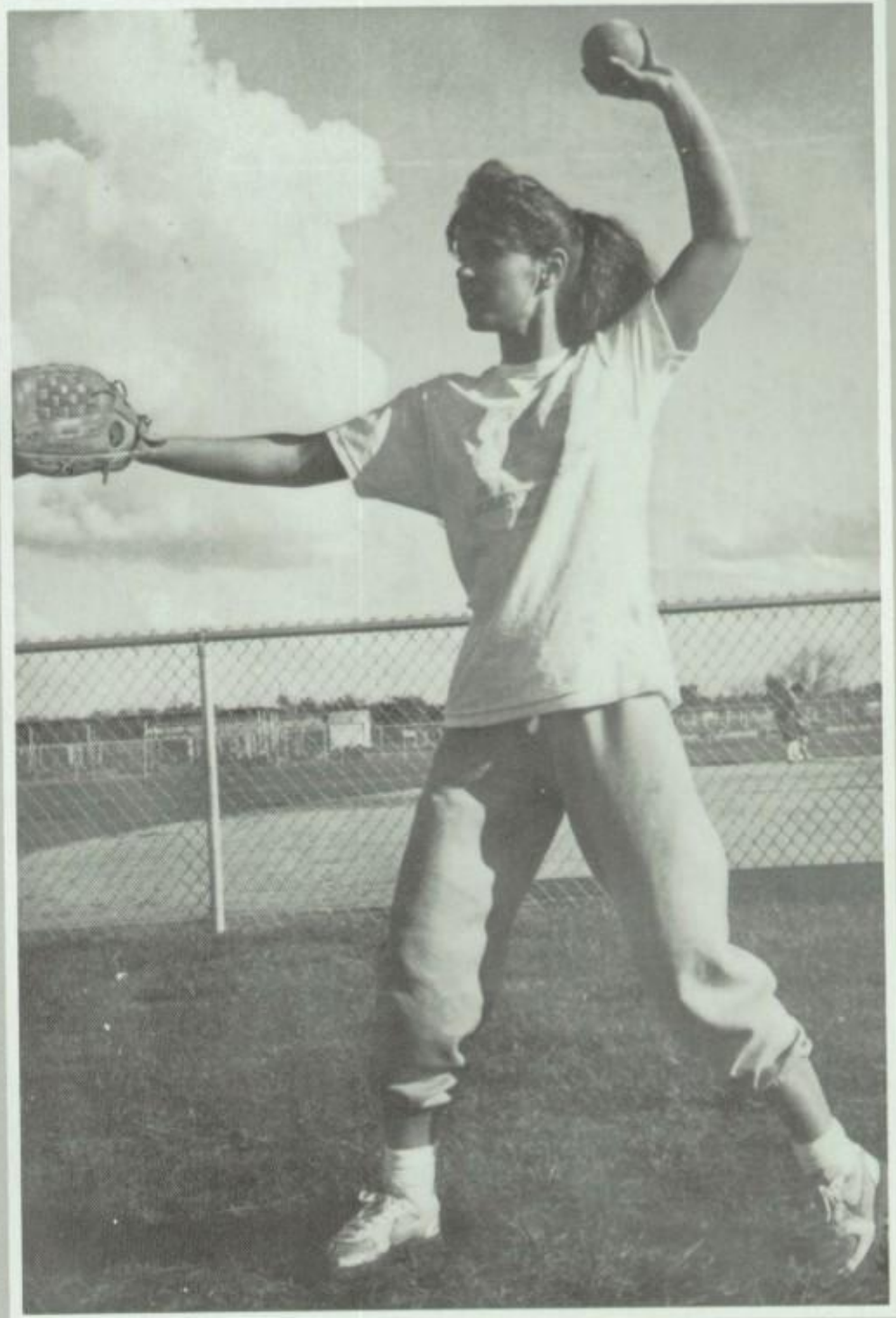
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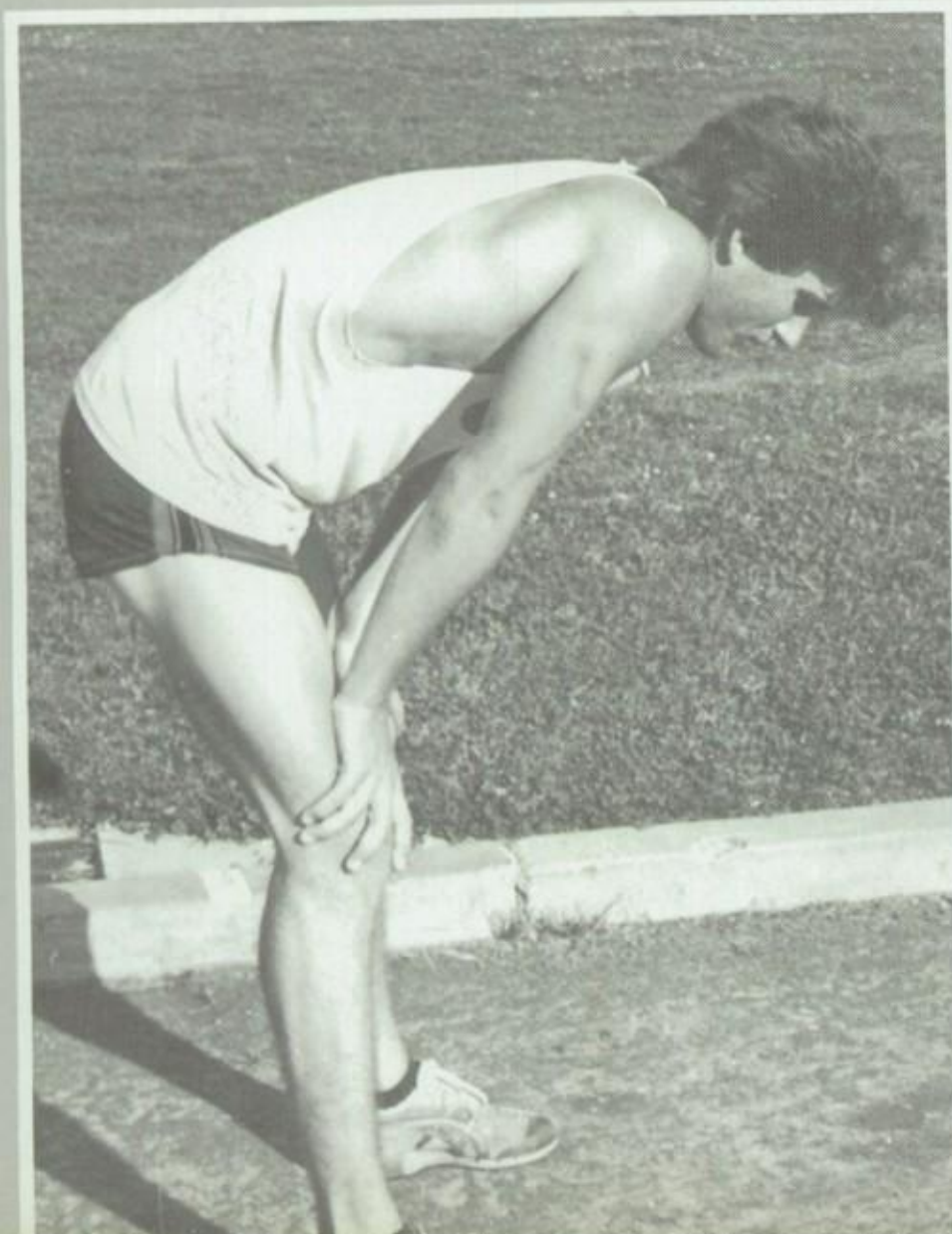
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1. Israel Lopez looks for a General receiver.
2. David Brooks muscles one under the basket.
3. Shafter Wrestlers pulled through it all.
4. Nor Leal sets another perfect ball for Shafter.
5. Jill Ryan displays her excellent pitching skills.
6. Craig Arnall rests after a speedy run.
7. Generals meet after another win.

A Pride That Stands

Talents Excel Best at SHS



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Sports

We're On Top



1. A Shafter wrestler gets ready to pin his opponent in a match.
2. The Shafter volleyball team listen to last minute coaching from Coach Shoenhair before resuming play.
3. Jose Arismendez shows the pain and concentration needed to excell in cross-country.
4. In a game against Kern Valley, Shafter shows its strength in blocking an opposing player.



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1. The officers of the Publications staff were front row: Dianna Palomo; photography editor, Eiko Yamamoto; editor in chief. Back row: Jim Heiser; layout editor, Rick Hunter; business manager, Jack Frey; social chairman, Michelle Wiens; copy editor.

2. Junior Dan Waterhouse was just one of the 14 staffers who put hours of work into making the 1985-86 Laurion.

3. Rosalinda Gonzales stays after school to meet the deadline. Many members of Publications could be found before school, during lunch, or after school trying to make the deadlines.

4. When asked why she joined Publications, Chris Welty, the assistant photographer, said, "It sounded like a good challenge and I enjoy being in a class where the whole class works as one. We're more than a class; we're a family."

5. The Publications staff left to right are: Deana Schmidt, Debbie Tudor, Jim Heiser, Dan Waterhouse, Rick Hunter, Kim Club, Dianna Palomo, Eiko Yamamoto, Chris Welty, Michelle Wiens, Jack Frey, and Matt Slade. Not pictured are Rosalinda Gonzales and Mark Boatwright.

Crazy, Fun, And Unity Is Publications

What size are headlines? I need 36 characters across. I've got trapped white copy. Where are the type sheets?

If you were to walk by Room 13 during 6th period, those might have been some of the things you would have heard students talking about.

All of those terms had to do with the making of the Shafter High Laurion.

This year's Publications staff was small and inexperienced. There were only five returning staffers and nine new ones. This made for a very challenging year.

Although they were small in numbers, they were big in enthusiasm and ideas. They really wanted to give the yearbook a new look. As you can see, they did!

Such a small staff meant a lot more work for each student. "We were given so much to do and so little time to do it in," said senior Jack Frey.

That was the feeling of most of the staff. They were under a lot of pressure throughout the year. Many times they could be found after school trying to meet their deadlines.

"There was a lot of hard work involved, but when you see the finished product, the hours and hours of work were all worth it," stated editor, Eiko Yamamoto.

They were also in charge of the school newspaper, The Commander. They only worked on this towards the end of the school year so not too many editions were made.

As Dan Waterhouse said, "I've gained more from Publications than any other class."

Ask any staffer and they'll all tell you the same thing. Publications is a unique experience. It's like no other class. No Matter How You Look At Them, they did it.



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We've Got It!

No Matter How You Look At Us

Expect The Unexpected



If you have already, quickly looked over the book, you're probably wondering what in the world is going on and you might be saying that the yearbook staff really messed up. The staff warned, "Expect the Unexpected"!!!! We're not crazy; we just wanted to add a touch of surprise.

In this book, there is no beginning or end; it is a reflection of a memory that lasts forever. Through hours of drawing a zillion layouts, writing and editing copy, developing and printing film, cropping and designating pictures, and brainstorming until there was a hurricane, we came out with a book that included priceless pages that captured you studying, playing sports, eating, and talking.

Before I got involved in publications, I never thought about the work it took to put a yearbook together.

Before starting the job as an editor, I went to a yearbook camp in the summer to try to gain some knowledge about putting together a yearbook. It was there that my fears of uncertainty became overwhelmed with excitement. I had all these ideas and I just couldn't wait for my job as editor to begin.

As soon as publications started, my ideas for the yearbook became even better with the added ideas of the staff. And together the theme, "No Matter How You Look at Us, We've Got It!", was born.

We felt this theme reflected us, the student body of Shafter High. We were a student body of talents that would greatly affect the future.

The staff, as small and inexperi-

enced as it was, did a great job. Even with experience, it is difficult task to try and capture the infinite facets of life, personality, accomplishments, and the overall energy of a unique student body.

Our advisor, Mrs. Carole Eiden, made that task simpler with her patience and understanding. Since she has made it through all our constant blunders and our strange teenage phases that never seemed to pass, all intact, I think now, she can withstand anything.

I personally, and on behalf of the staff, would like to say that we think she's the greatest and that her feat of standing through thick and thin should be acknowledge in the "Guiness Book of World Records"!

I would like to congratulate the staff for a job well done, but moreover for withstanding me through all my tantrums about deadlines. I think they should be included in the "Guiness Book of World Records" too.

I would like to extend a thank you to the businesses who helped this book to be possible by advertising.

The biggest thank you goes to all of you, the students of Shafter High. Enjoy your book wherever you decide to start reading it because no matter how you look at yourself, you've got it.

Sincerely,
Eiko Yamamoto

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